PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 329(4) AND 508
AND JOINT RULE 203

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of Senate Rule 329 is amended as follows:

4. Except for bills approved for introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills, all Senate bills required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be rereferred not later than the twenty-third legislative day and all House bills required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be rereferred not later than the forty-seventh legislative day. If an appropriation bill is not reported to the floor and rereferred as required herein, the bill is deemed rereferred and is under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee at the end of the twenty-third or forty-seventh legislative day, as appropriate.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Senate Rule 508 is amended as follows:

508. REPORTING OF MEASURES. Except for an appropriations bill, a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota, or a resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council Management, no Senate bill or resolution may be held in a committee for more than thirty legislative days after it is referred to the committee, unless an extension of time is granted by the Senate. Except for a resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council Management or proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota, all Senate bills and resolutions must be reported back to the Senate no later than the thirty-first legislative day. A resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council Management or proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota must be reported back to the Senate no later than the thirty-seventh legislative day. A bill or resolution not reported back as required by this rule must automatically be placed on the calendar without recommendation. House bills and resolutions must be reported back to the Senate by the fifty-fifth legislative day.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of House Rule 329 is amended as follows:
4. Except for bills approved for introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills, all House bills required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be rereferred not later than the twenty-third twenty-fifth legislative day and all Senate bills required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be rereferred not later than the forty-seventh fifty-second legislative day. If an appropriation bill is not reported to the floor and rereferred as required herein, the bill is deemed rereferred and is under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee at the end of the twenty-third twenty-fifth or forty-seventh fifty-second legislative day, as appropriate.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. House Rule 508 is amended as follows:

508. REPORTING OF MEASURES. Except for an appropriations bill, a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota, or a resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council Management, no House bill or resolution may be held in a committee for more than thirty legislative days after it is referred to the committee, unless an extension of time is granted by the House. Except for a resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council Management or proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota, all House bills and resolutions must be reported back to the House no later than the thirty-first legislative day. A resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council Management or proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota must be reported back to the House no later than the thirty-seventh legislative day. A bill or resolution not reported back as required by this rule must automatically be placed on the calendar without recommendation. Senate bills and resolutions must be reported back to the House by the fifty-fifth sixtieth legislative day.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Joint Rule 203 is amended as follows:

203. LIMITATION ON MESSAGING OF MEASURES - CROSSOVER DAYS.
1. A bill that has passed one house may not be sent to the other house for concurrence after the thirty-fourth legislative day, except a bill approved for introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills.
2. A resolution that has passed one house may not be sent to the other house for concurrence after the fortieth legislative day, except a resolution approved for introduction after the deadline for introduction of that type of resolution.
NOTE: This rules amendment was prepared in response to a request at the June 23, 2009, Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee meeting to present 2011 legislative deadlines to allow the committee to review those deadlines and how rules may be revised to allow additional time for consideration of measures.

The proposed amendments:

· Extend the deadline for rereferral to the Appropriations Committee in the house of origin from the 23rd to the 25th legislative day. This would give the two-day and the three-day committees an additional day for consideration of measures before rereferral.

· Extend the deadline for rereferral to the Appropriations Committee in the second house from the 47th to the 52nd legislative day. This would give the three-day and the two-day committees an extra week for consideration of measures before rereferral.

· Extend the deadline for reporting measures in the second house from the 55th to the 60th legislative day. This would give all committees an extra week for consideration of measures before reporting measures out of committee.

Attached is a timeline showing the current legislative deadlines, based on 2009 legislative rules.

Also attached is a 2011 calendar depiction of current legislative deadlines, with arrows depicting the effect of moving the two rereferral deadlines and the final reporting deadline.