

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Notice of Committee Meeting

Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Will meet at: 10:00 A.M. Date: January 15, 2008

Location: Committee Room 5

Remarks:

Consider a draft resolution by Rep. Tucker et al. to amend the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives as follows:

To provide for 16 standing committees of the House by removing the committee on Environment from the standing committee listing and moving its jurisdiction to the committee on Natural Resources;

To change the name of the committee on Natural Resources to "Natural Resources and Environment;"

To provide for the membership of the committee on Appropriations and to provide for standing subcommittees of the committee on Appropriations;

To provide for three subcommittees of the Executive Committee and to repeal the House Legislative Services Council, shifting its jurisdiction to the Executive Committee; and

To make technical changes to the rules consistent with the above matters

RICK GALLOT
Chairman

Organizational Session, 2008

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

HOUSE/RULES: Provides relative to the Appropriations Committee, the Executive Committee, the Natural Resources and Environment Committees, and the House Legislative Services Council

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To amend and readopt House Rules 3.5, 6.1(A), 6.4(A), 6.6(N), 6.7(B)(6), and 6.26(B) and
3 (C), to adopt House Rules 6.4(F) and 6.26(D), and to repeal House Rules 6.6(G) and
4 (I)(11) and 6.7(A)(4) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to
5 establish standing subcommittees of the House Committee on Appropriations to
6 consider various portions of the executive budget; to abolish the House Committee
7 on Environment and to transfer its responsibilities to the House Committee on
8 Natural Resources; to provide relative to the advisory jurisdiction of the House
9 Executive Committee and to provide for subcommittees of the Executive Committee;
10 to provide that one of the subcommittees shall be responsible for House personnel;
11 to abolish the House Legislative Services Council.

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 that House Rules 3.5, 6.1(A), 6.4(A), 6.6(N), 6.7(B)(6), and 6.26(B) and (C) of the Rules of
14 Order of the House of Representatives are hereby amended and readopted and House Rules
15 6.4(F) and 6.26(D) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives are hereby adopted
16 to read as follows:

17 Rule 3.5. House Legislative Services; Council; executive director

18 A. ~~The House Legislative Services Council is hereby created which~~
19 Personnel Subcommittee of the Executive Committee shall be responsible for the
20 employment and supervision of a research, drafting, and committee staff for the

1 House of Representatives. Such staff shall be designated as House Legislative
2 Services, and shall have as its purpose the provision of research, drafting, and similar
3 legislative services to the House of Representatives, its members, and committees.
4 The staff shall have, without limitation, the following duties: (1) the furnishing of
5 research and bill drafting services to members of the House and the committees of
6 the House; (2) providing objective reports on the context of pending and adopted
7 legislation; (3) the preparation of manuals, directories, and similar informational
8 materials for the use of the House and House staff; (4) providing professional
9 services on behalf of the House of Representatives, or its committees; and (5) the
10 performance of all other duties the ~~council~~ subcommittee may deem essential to the
11 work of the House and the legislature generally, and the members thereof.

12 ~~B. The House Legislative Services Council shall be composed of the Speaker~~
13 ~~of the House, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House, nine members appointed by~~
14 ~~the Speaker, one member to be appointed from each congressional district in effect~~
15 ~~at the date of appointment and two members to be appointed from the state at large,~~
16 ~~and the Clerk of the House. Members shall be appointed no later than the first day~~
17 ~~of the first regular session after the election of members of the legislature. Vacancies~~
18 ~~shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment. The members of the~~
19 ~~council shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman from among the membership at~~
20 ~~the first meeting of the council following their appointment every four years.~~
21 ~~Legislative members shall receive the same per diem and travel expenses for~~
22 ~~attendance at meetings of the council as is provided for attendance at meetings of~~
23 ~~legislative committees.~~

24 ~~C.~~ House Legislative Services shall be under the general supervision and
25 control of the ~~House Legislative Services Council~~. ~~The House Legislative Services~~
26 ~~Council~~ Personnel Subcommittee of the Executive Committee which shall employ
27 an executive director who shall be the administrative officer of House Legislative
28 Services. With respect to the operations of the standing committees of the House,
29 supervision of the House Legislative Services staff personnel assigned to those
30 committees shall be exercised by the executive director in coordination with the

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Rule 6.4. Committee on Appropriations; subcommittees

A. Appropriations. The Committee on Appropriations shall be composed of ~~nineteen~~ twenty-five members, of whom ~~twelve~~ eighteen shall be appointed by the Speaker and seven shall be elected, both as provided herein. Of the ~~twelve~~ eighteen appointed members, one member shall be a resident of each of the Public Service Commission districts respectively, and ~~seven~~ thirteen members shall be appointed from the state at large. Of the seven elected members, one member shall be a resident of each of the congressional districts respectively.

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F.(1) The review of the Executive Budget shall be conducted by the following standing subcommittees of the Appropriations Committee for the following schedule numbers and departments.

(a) Education Subcommittee: which shall review the budgets and appropriations for Schedule 19, the Department of Education, Higher Education, unless otherwise allocated herein, and Special Schools and Commissions.

(b) General Government Subcommittee: which shall review the budgets and appropriations for Schedule 01, the Executive Department; Schedule 03, the Department of Veterans Affairs; Schedule 17, the Department of Civil Service; Schedule 12, the Department of Revenue; Schedule 06, the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; Schedule 18, the Retirement System; Schedule 04, statewide Elected Officials and their agencies, unless otherwise allocated herein; and Schedule 20, miscellaneous appropriations for Other Requirements.

(c) Health and Human Services Subcommittee: which shall review the budgets and appropriations for Schedule 09, the Department of Health and Hospitals; Schedule 10, the Department of Social Services; and that portion of Schedule 19 which includes the budgets for the Health Care Services Division, the LSU Health Sciences Centers, and the E. A. Conway Medical Center.

(d) Business Development Subcommittee: which shall review the budgets and appropriations for Schedule 05, the Department of Economic Development;

Schedule 13, the Department of Environmental Quality; Schedule 04-165, the Department of Insurance; Schedule 14, the Department of Labor; and Schedule 04-158, the Public Service Commission.

(e) Infrastructure and Resources Subcommittee: which shall review the budgets and appropriations for Schedule 07, the Department of Transportation and Development; Schedule 11, the Department of Natural Resources; and Schedule 16, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

(f) Public Safety and Corrections Subcommittee: which shall review the budgets and appropriations for Schedule 08, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

(2) The subcommittees may review other budgets and appropriations as referred by the chairman.

(3) The chairman shall establish the work schedule and the meeting times for the standing subcommittees.

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Rule 6.6. Standing committee jurisdiction

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N. Natural Resources and Environment: To this committee shall be referred, in accordance with the rules, all legislative instruments, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

(1) Natural resources generally.

(2) Conservation.

(3) Environmental control and regulation generally.

(4) Land pollution.

(5) Pollution of air, water, and land and environmental control generally.

(6) Air quality.

~~(3)~~ (7) Wildlife and fisheries.

~~(4)~~ (8) Mines and minerals.

~~(5)~~ (9) Hunting, fishing, and recreational boating.

~~(6)~~ (10) Public lands.

- ~~(7)~~ (11) Mineral resources of the public lands.
- ~~(8)~~ (12) Public and geological surveys.
- ~~(9)~~ (13) Laws regulating minerals and mining.
- ~~(10)~~ (14) Tidelands.
- ~~(11)~~ (15) Accretion, alluvion, and dereliction of public and private lands.
- ~~(12)~~ (16) Owners of minerals and mineral lands.
- ~~(16)~~ (17) Materials or substances which travel through pipelines.
- (18) Hazardous waste regulation.
- (19) Solid waste regulation.
- (20) Laws regulating clean water, drinking water, and ground water.

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Rule 6.7. Regular committee meetings

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B. The following committees shall be designated as "Afternoon Committees":

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(6) Natural Resources and Environment.

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Rule 6.26. House Executive Committee

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B. The committee shall have advisory authority to make recommendations to the Speaker, other officers and the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs concerning matters internal to the House including, without limitation, matters affecting House space and facilities, officers and employees, rules, administration, litigation or other issues of law, and budgetary and financial questions.

C.(1) The committee shall be divided into the following three standing subcommittees of at least five members each:

(a) Affairs of the House.

(b) Litigation and Legal Issues.

1 (c) Personnel.

2 (2) The Speaker shall appoint the members of these standing subcommittees
3 and shall designate one member of each to be its chair. The Speaker, the Speaker
4 *Pro Tempore*, and the chairman of the Executive Committee shall serve *ex officio* on
5 each standing subcommittee.

6 € D. The committee shall have the authority to establish an annual
7 vouchered allotment for members of the House to be drawn by each member in
8 monthly payments. This vouchered allotment shall be used exclusively for expenses
9 incurred in the course and scope of duties as a member of the House such as rent for
10 office space; electricity; water; gas; telephone; communication services; stationery;
11 supplies; mileage or expense reimbursement for official travel in or out of state; and
12 other expenses related to the holding or conduct of office. This allotment shall be
13 set no later than March fifteenth of the first calendar year of each term of office.
14 Once set, the allotment shall be effective until changed by the Executive Committee
15 as provided in this Paragraph. This allotment shall be set or changed by the adoption
16 of a resolution of the Executive Committee in an open public hearing.

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 that House Rules 6.6(G) and (I)(11) and 6.7(A)(4) of the Rules of Order of the House of
20 Representatives are hereby repealed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby urges and requests the Clerk of the House of Representatives to renumber House Rules 6.6 and 6.7, portions of which are repealed by this Resolution, as necessary to affect sequential numbering throughout.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law [R.S. 1:13(B)] and do not constitute proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 24:177(E)]

Tucker

HR No.

Abstract: Creates standing subcommittees of the Appropriations Executive Committee and assigns to each responsibility for considering various portions of the executive

budget. Eliminates the Environment Executive Committee and rolls its jurisdiction into the Natural Resources Executive Committee. Provides for three subcommittees of the House Executive Committee: Affairs of the House, Litigation and Legal Issues, and Personnel. Pursuant to transfer of responsibilities for House employees to the Executive Committee, abolishes the House Legislative Services (HLS) Council.

Present House Rule provides for the House Executive Committee comprised of the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore and 17 other members appointed by the speaker, including at least one from each congressional district. Grants the committee authority to make recommendations to the Speaker, other officers, and the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (H&GA) concerning matters internal to the House including House space and facilities, officers and employees, rules, administration, and budgetary and financial questions. Proposed House Rule retains the present rule and adds litigation or other issue of law to the list of matters about which the H&GA committee may advise the officers and the committee.

Proposed House Rule establishes three subcommittees of the House Executive Committee: Affairs of the House, Litigation and Legal Issues, and Personnel. Provides that the Speaker appoints the members of these standing subcommittees and designates one member of each to be its chair. The Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, and the chairman of the Executive Committee are ex officio members of each standing subcommittee.

Present House Rule creates and provides for the House Legislative Services Council. Provides that the council is responsible for the employment and supervision of a research, drafting, and committee staff for the House of Representatives. Such staff is designated House Legislative Services (HLS) and has as its purpose the provision of research, drafting, and similar legislative services.

Present House Rule provides for the composition of the HLS council, which includes the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Clerk, and nine other members appointed by the Speaker, seven from the individual congressional districts and two at large. Requires the council to employ an executive director who shall be the administrative officer of HLS. Provides that with respect to the operations of the standing committees of the House, supervision of the HLS personnel assigned to those committees shall be exercised by the director in coordination with the respective committee chairman. Authorizes the executive director, with the approval of the HLS Council and in accordance with its policies, to employ, terminate, and fix the salaries of such staff.

Proposed House Rule abolishes the HLS Council and places HLS under the jurisdiction of the Personnel Subcommittee of the Executive Committee. Otherwise retains present House Rule.

Present House Rule provides for 17 standing committees of the House and provides for the subject matter jurisdiction of each. Among the 17 are the Natural Resources Executive Committee, which is responsible generally for matters relating to hunting and fishing and mineral resources, and the Environment Executive Committee, which is responsible generally for environmental protection matters and laws regulating drinking water and ground water. Proposed House Rule eliminates the Environment Executive Committee, thereby reducing the total number of standing committees to 16. The subject matter jurisdiction of the former Environment Executive Committee is added to that of the Natural Resources Executive Committee and the latter is renamed the Natural Resources and Environment Executive Committee.

Present House Rule provides for the Appropriations Executive Committee as one of the standing committees. Provides that it is comprised of 19 members, 12 of whom are appointed by the Speaker and 7 of whom are elected, one from each congressional district, by the other members representing the congressional district. Proposed House Rule increases the total membership of the committee to 25, and provides that 18 are to be appointed by the Speaker. Present House Rule as retained by proposed House Rule provides

that at least one of the appointed members shall represent each of the Public Service Commission districts and the remainder are appointed at large.

Proposed House Rule requires that the Executive Budget, and other budgets and appropriations as referred by the chairman, be considered by standing subcommittees of the Appropriations Committee. The proposed House Rule establishes six such subcommittees and specifies which portions of the executive budget each is to review. The Appropriations subcommittees are: Education, General Government, Health and Human Services, Business Development, Infrastructure and Resources, and Public Safety and Corrections. Provides that the chairman of the full committee shall establish the work schedule of the subcommittees.

Present House Rule authorizes standing committee chairmen to appoint the chairman, vice chairman, and members of subcommittees.

(Amends House Rules 3.5, 6.1(A), 6.4(A), 6.6(N), 6.7(B)(6), and 6.26(B) and (C); Adopts House Rule 6.4(F) and 6.26(D); Repeals House Rules 6.6(G) and (I)(11) and 6.7(A)(4))