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HR 142 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides that, in regular order on third reading and final passage, the House may pass over any instrument that any member objects to as controversial and provides that any instrument passed over shall remain on the calendar in the same numerical order on the next legislative day (to be known as the "Berthelot Rule").

Present House Rules provide for the order of business and procedures and motions relative to returning legislative instruments to and calling legislative instruments from the calendar.

Proposed House Rule provides that on any legislative day in the regular order and upon third reading and final passage for any instrument, at the discretion of the Speaker and upon the motion of any member, the House may pass over any instrument that any member objects to as controversial under the proposed House Rule, which shall be referred to as the "Berthelot Rule". Provides that the motion to operate under the Berthelot Rule is not debatable and requires the favorable vote of a majority of the members present and voting. Further provides that any instrument passed over remains on the calendar in the same numerical order on the next legislative day.

(Adds House Rule 8.20.1)