

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCE HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To adopt House Rule 8.20.1 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide for a procedure to pass over controversial instruments on third reading.

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana that House Rule 8.20.1 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Rule 8.20.1. Calendar; passing over certain instruments; "Berthelot Rule"

A. Notwithstanding House Rule 8.8, at the discretion of the Speaker on the last legislative day of the week for the House of Representatives, the House may consider legislative instruments on third reading and final consideration or final passage that are noncontroversial in preferential order.

B. If the Speaker determines the necessity for the House to proceed under the provisions of this rule, which shall be referred to as the "Berthelot Rule", the Speaker shall announce his intention to the House no later than the legislative day prior to the last legislative day of the week. If a member raises an objection to proceeding under the Berthelot Rule, then proceeding under the Berthelot Rule shall require a motion adopted by a favorable vote of a majority of the members present and voting, and such motion shall not be debatable.

C.(1) Any legislative instrument which is not considered in the order of its maturing in the manner provided by House Rule 8.8 due to the House proceeding under this rule shall remain on the calendar in the same numerical order for consideration on the next legislative day.

(2) For the purposes of this Paragraph, if a member objects to a legislative instrument being considered in preferential order pursuant to this Rule, the legislative instrument shall remain on the calendar in the same numerical order for consideration on the next legislative day.

---

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES