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## DIGEST

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HR 147 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the usage of the House Chamber.

Present House Rule prohibits the House Chamber from being used as a public meeting place. Proposed House Rule maintains this prohibition.

Present House Rule further confines the use of the House Chamber to Legislature of La., the Democratic State Central Committee, the Young Democrats of Louisiana, the Republican State Central Committee, the Pelican Boys' State Legislature, the Pelican Girls' State Legislature, the YMCA Youth Legislature, the Silver Haired Legislature, the La. Jaycee Action Legislature, and the La. Camp Fire Councils Legislature.

Proposed House Rule provides instead that the use of the House Chamber is confined to the House of Representatives and committees thereof and the Legislature of La. and committees thereof. Further provides that when the House has adjourned or during the time between sessions of the legislature, the House Chamber may be utilized by the state central committee and other established organizations of each recognized political party, by nonprofit and educational organizations for the conduct of mock legislative sessions, and by other state agencies for the conduct of cultural or educational programs, subject to the approval of the Speaker and in accordance with a usage policy established by the Speaker.

(Amends House Rule 1.1)