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Abstract: Requires a person to use civil and decorous language and behavior when addressing the House or any committee thereof and provides that the use of personal electronic devices within the House Chamber and in committee rooms when a legislative body is convened therein shall be limited and not used in a disruptive manner.

Present House Rule (HR 1.3) prohibits a person from operating an audible wireless telephone or audible pager in the House Chamber during a joint session of the legislature. Proposed House Rule repeals this rule.

Present House Rule (HR 5.1) requires every member to confine himself to decorous language in addressing the House or any committee thereof.

Proposed House Rule provides instead that every person shall confine himself to civil and decorous language and behavior when addressing the House or any committee thereof. Proposed House Rule further provides that the use of personal electronic devices within the House Chamber or within a committee room when a legislative body is convened therein shall be limited and not used in a disruptive manner. Requires that the audible tones on any such devices shall be muted at all times when a legislative body is convened. Provides an exception for on-duty sgt. at arms, security officers, and first responders.

(Amends HR 5.1; Repeals HR 1.3)