

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

HOUSE/RULES: Provides relative to conference committee reports

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To amend and readopt House Rule 8.21 of the Rules of Order of the House of  
3 Representatives to provide relative to conference committee reports.

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana  
5 that House Rule 8.21 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives is hereby  
6 amended and readopted to read as follows:

7 Rule 8.21. Conference committee reports; consideration

8 A.(1) A conference committee report shall be a privileged report and notice  
9 of its receipt shall be given by the Clerk on the legislative day of its receipt at the  
10 first opportunity without interrupting pending business. The question of  
11 consideration of a conference committee report shall lie over until the appropriate  
12 order of business during the Regular Orders on the next legislative day. The Clerk  
13 shall place each conference committee report on the calendar in the order in which  
14 it was received for consideration. ~~Notwithstanding House Rule 13.2(A), on~~

15 (2) On the last calendar or legislative day of a session a motion to ~~suspend~~  
16 waive the requirement that the question of consideration of a conference committee  
17 report lie over until the next legislative day contained in Subparagraph (1) of this  
18 Paragraph shall require the favorable vote of a majority of the elected members of  
19 the House and shall be debatable.

20 (3) A motion to suspend the provisions of this Paragraph shall be a debatable  
21 motion.

1           B. The question upon consideration, unless a substitute or other main motion  
2 be made, shall be the question of the adoption of the conference committee report.

3           C. ~~However, Notwithstanding Paragraph A of this Rule,~~ on the last calendar  
4 or legislative day of a session, after the Clerk shall have noticed the receipt of a  
5 conference committee report which is confined to resolving the differences between  
6 the two houses regarding the amendments which were rejected by the house of origin  
7 and recommending technical amendments, the House shall consider such a  
8 conference committee report upon motion, duly adopted, of any member, except as  
9 provided in Paragraph D of this Rule. The motion to take up the consideration of  
10 such a conference committee report shall be deemed a privileged incidental motion,  
11 shall be in order during any order of business unless another motion or instrument  
12 then be pending, and shall be adopted by a majority of those present and voting.

13           D.(1) On the last calendar or legislative day of a session, if a conference  
14 committee report which is confined is received by the Clerk and there is less than  
15 two hours remaining before adjournment of the session, the motion to take up the  
16 consideration of such a conference committee report shall require the favorable vote  
17 of a majority of the elected members of the House and shall not be debatable.

18           (2) On the last calendar or legislative day of a session, if a conference  
19 committee report which is not confined is received by the Clerk and there is less than  
20 two hours remaining before adjournment of the session, the motion to take up the  
21 consideration of such a conference committee report shall require the favorable vote  
22 of a majority of the elected members of the House and shall not be debatable,  
23 however, such motion shall not be in order until after the motion required by  
24 Paragraph (A)(2) of this Rule is adopted.

25           ~~D.~~ E.(1) If a conference committee report on any appropriation bill  
26 supplementing the General Appropriation Act, the Capital Outlay Bill, the bill  
27 appropriating funds for the judicial branch, the bill appropriating funds for the  
28 legislative branch, or the omnibus bond authorization bill is received on the last day,  
29 the provisions of Paragraph C and (D)(1) of this Rule shall apply to the consideration  
30 of such a conference committee report even if the conference committee report is not

1 confined to resolving the differences between the two houses regarding the  
2 amendments which were rejected by the house of origin and recommending technical  
3 amendments.

4 (2) The provisions of House Rule 8.15 shall apply to conference committee  
5 reports on the General Appropriation Bill.

6 F. Prior to the consideration of a motion regarding a conference committee  
7 report, the Clerk shall announce to House all of the following:

8 (1) If, in the determination of the Clerk, the conference committee report is  
9 confined to resolving the differences between the two houses regarding the  
10 amendments which were rejected by the house of origin and recommending technical  
11 amendments or is not so confined.

12 (2) The names of the conferees who signed the report and the names of the  
13 conferees who did not sign the report, if any.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the Clerk to announce whether a conference committee report is confined and the names of conferees who signed and who did not sign the report and requires the adoption of a motion by a majority of the elected members of House to consider a conference committee report received when there is less than two hours remaining before adjournment on the last calendar or legislative day of a session.

Present House Rule (8.21(A)) provides that a conference committee report shall be a privileged report and notice of receipt shall be given by the Clerk at the first opportunity without interrupting pending business. Provides that the question of consideration of a conference committee report shall lie over until the appropriate order of business during the Regular Orders on the next legislative day. Present House Rule further provides that, on the last calendar or legislative day of a session, the favorable vote of a majority of the elected members of the House is required to adopt a motion to suspend the requirement that the question of consideration of a conference committee report lie over until the appropriate order of business during Regular Orders on the next legislative day. Additionally provides that a motion to suspend these provisions is a debatable motion. Present House Rule (8.21(C)) provides that the House shall consider a conference committee report confined to resolving the differences between the two houses regarding the amendments which were rejected by the house of origin and recommending technical amendments received on the last day (calendar or legislative) of a session upon motion of any member duly adopted by a majority of those present and voting. Present House Rule provides that a motion to take up consideration of a conference committee report is a privileged incidental motion, in order when another motion or instrument is not pending, and to be adopted by a majority of those present and voting is applicable only to such confined reports received on the last day. Present House Rule (8.21(D)(1)) specifies that if a conference committee report on any

appropriation bill supplementing the General Appropriation Act, the Capital Outlay Bill, the bill appropriating funds for the judicial branch, the bill appropriating funds for the legislative branch, or the omnibus bond authorization bill is received on the last day, the provisions of Present House Rule (8.21(C)) shall apply even if the conference committee report is not confined to resolving the differences between the two houses regarding the amendments which were rejected by the house of origin and recommending technical amendments. Present House Rule (8.21(D)(2)) specifies that Present House Rule (8.15), which provides that a vote on a conference committee report on the General Appropriation Bill shall not occur until at least 48 hours have intervened after the receipt of the report and requires (at least 24 hours prior to voting) an unofficial enrollment and a summary, applies to conference committee reports on the General Appropriation Bill. Present House Rule (8.15) provides that the requirements may be waived by a majority vote of the elected members of the House.

Proposed House Rule retains present House Rule but additionally requires the Clerk to announce to the House if a conference committee report is confined prior to the consideration of any motion relative to the report. Further requires the Clerk to announce the names of the conferees who signed the report and the names of the conferees who did not sign the report. Proposed House Rule further provides that if a confined conference committee report is received on the last day of a session and there is less than two hours remaining before adjournment of the session, the motion to take up the consideration of such a conference committee report shall require the favorable vote of a majority of the elected members of the House and shall not be debatable. Provides that if an "unconfined" conference committee report is received and there is less than two hours remaining before adjournment of the session, the motion to take up the consideration of such a conference committee report shall require the favorable vote of a majority of the elected members of the House and shall not be debatable, however, such motion shall not be in order until after the motion to waive the requirement that the report lie over is adopted. Further specifies that a conference committee report on any appropriation bill supplementing the General Appropriation Act, the Capital Outlay Bill, the bill appropriating funds for the judicial branch, the bill appropriating funds for the legislative branch, or the omnibus bond authorization bill received on the last day shall be treated like a confined conference committee report even if it is not.

(Amends House Rule 8.21)