

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

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 the 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, unless all of the conferees signed the report,  
14 in which case the Clerk shall announce that fact.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES