

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 542

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, that Senate Rule 50 be amended to read as follows:

"Rule 50. Referrals of bills and appointments to committee shall be made by the president pro tem; and no bill shall be considered for final passage unless it has been reported on by a committee and printed for the use of the senators. The chair of each committee shall be authorized to report, and the president pro tem shall receive, no more than three bills deemed reportable by the chair of the committee when the senate is on the order of business of reports of standing committees. The president pro tem may receive additional bills beyond the three that the chair is authorized to report at his or her discretion. A report of all bills recommended "do pass" by a committee shall be submitted to the senate by the chairman and all committee amendments accompanying the report shall be printed in the Journal.

After a bill has been referred to a committee, one-third of the senators elected has the power to relieve a committee of further consideration of a bill and place it on the calendar for consideration. In any case where a committee has been relieved of further consideration of a bill as herein provided, a majority of the senators present but not less than one-third of the senators elected, may, at any time before final passage thereof, again refer the bill to the same or some other committee for consideration. No bill or resolution shall be reported adversely by any committee until the author of the bill or resolution has been given an opportunity to appear and be heard before the committee to which it is referred.

One-third of the senators elected may relieve a committee of an appointment and a motion to grant advice and consent of the Senate to that appointment is then in order upon a vote of the majority of the Senate.".