
ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—ASSEMBLYMEN
PERKINS, BUCKLEY AND HETRICK

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RAGGIO AND TITUS

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Adopts Joint Rules of Senate and Assembly for 21st
Special Session of Legislature. (BDR R-1)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

1 ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Adopting the Joint
2 Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 21st Special
3 Session of the Legislature.
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5 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
6 SENATE CONCURRING, That the following Joint Rules of the Senate
7 and Assembly for the 21st Special Session of the Legislature are
8 hereby adopted:
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10 ***APPLICABILITY OF JOINT RULES***

11 ***Rule No. 1. Generally.***

12 ***The Joint Rules for the 21st Special Session of the Legislature***
13 ***are applicable only during the 21st Special Session of the***
14 ***Legislature.***
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16 ***CONFERENCE COMMITTEES***

17 ***Rule No. 2. Procedure Concerning.***

18 ***1. In every case of an amendment of a bill, or joint or***
19 ***concurrent resolution, agreed to in one House, dissented from in***
20 ***the other, and not receded from by the one making the***
21 ***amendment, each House shall appoint a committee to confer with***
22 ***a like committee to be appointed by the other; and the committee***
23 ***so appointed shall meet publicly at a convenient hour to be agreed***
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1 upon by their respective chairmen and announced publicly, and
2 shall confer upon the differences between the two Houses as
3 indicated by the amendments made in one and rejected in the
4 other and report as early as convenient the result of their
5 conference to their respective Houses. The report shall be made
6 available to all members of both Houses. The whole subject matter
7 embraced in the bill or resolution shall be considered by the
8 committee, and it may recommend recession by either House, new
9 amendments, new bills or resolutions, or other changes as it sees
10 fit. New bills or resolutions so reported shall be treated as
11 amendments unless the bills or resolutions are composed entirely
12 of original matter, in which case they shall receive the treatment
13 required in the respective Houses for original bills, or resolutions,
14 as the case may be.

15 2. The report of a conference committee may be adopted by
16 acclamation, and such action may be considered equivalent to the
17 adoption of amendments embodied therein. The report is not
18 subject to amendment. If either House refuses to adopt the report,
19 or if the first conference committee has so recommended, a second
20 conference committee may be appointed. No member who served
21 on the first committee may be appointed to the second.

22 3. There shall be but two conference committees on any bill
23 or resolution. A majority of the members of a conference
24 committee from each House must be members who voted for the
25 passage of the bill or resolution.

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27 **MESSAGES**
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29 **Rule No. 3. Procedure Concerning.**

30 1. Proclamations by the Governor convening the Legislature
31 in extra session shall, by direction of the presiding officer of each
32 House, be read immediately after the convening thereof, filed and
33 entered in full in the Journal of proceedings.

34 2. Whenever a message from the Governor is received, the
35 Sergeant at Arms will announce: "Mr. President, or Mr. Speaker,
36 the Secretary of the Governor is at the bar." The secretary will,
37 upon being recognized by the presiding officer, announce: "Mr.
38 President, or Mr. Speaker, a message from His Excellency, the
39 Governor of Nevada, to the Honorable, the Senate or Assembly,"
40 and hand same to the Sergeant at Arms for delivery to the
41 Secretary of the Senate or Chief Clerk of the Assembly. The
42 presiding officer will direct any message from the Governor to be
43 received, read and entered in full in the Journal of proceedings.

44 3. Messages from the Senate to the Assembly shall be
45 delivered by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, and messages



1 *from the Assembly to the Senate shall be delivered by the Chief*
2 *Clerk or Assistant Chief Clerk.*

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4 **NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION**

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6 **Rule No. 4. Communications.**

7 *Each House shall communicate its final action on any bill or*
8 *resolution, or matter in which the other may be interested, by*
9 *written notice. Each such notice sent by the Senate must be signed*
10 *by the Secretary of the Senate, or a person designated by the*
11 *Secretary. Each such notice sent by the Assembly must be signed*
12 *by the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, or a person designated by the*
13 *Chief Clerk.*

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15 **BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

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17 **Rule No. 5. Signature.**

18 *Each enrolled bill or joint resolution shall be presented to the*
19 *presiding officers of both Houses for signature. They shall, after*
20 *an announcement of their intention to do so is made in open*
21 *session, sign the bill or joint resolution and their signatures shall*
22 *be followed by those of the Secretary of the Senate and Chief*
23 *Clerk of the Assembly.*

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25 **Rule No. 6. Joint Sponsorship.**

26 *1. A bill or resolution introduced by a committee of the*
27 *Senate or Assembly may, at the direction of the chairman of the*
28 *committee, set forth the name of a committee of the other House*
29 *as a joint sponsor, if a majority of all members appointed to the*
30 *committee of the other House votes in favor of becoming a joint*
31 *sponsor of the bill or resolution. The name of the committee joint*
32 *sponsor must be set forth on the face of the bill or resolution*
33 *immediately below the date on which the bill or resolution is*
34 *introduced.*

35 *2. The Legislative Counsel shall not cause to be printed the*
36 *name of a committee as a joint sponsor on the face of a bill or*
37 *resolution unless the chairman of the committee has signed his*
38 *name next to the name of the committee on the colored back of the*
39 *introductory copy of the bill or resolution that was submitted to the*
40 *front desk of the House of origin or the statement required by*
41 *subsection 4.*

42 *3. Upon introduction, any bill or resolution that sets forth the*
43 *names of primary joint sponsors must be numbered in the same*
44 *numerical sequence as other bills and resolutions of the same*
45 *House of origin are numbered.*



1 (d) *Retain the records for two bienniums and at the end of that*
2 *period keep some form or copy of the record in any manner he*
3 *deems reasonable to ensure access to the record in the foreseeable*
4 *future.*

5 4. *Records of any meeting which is closed to the public do not*
6 *become public records until the committee which held the closed*
7 *meeting determines that the matters discussed no longer require*
8 *confidentiality.*

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10 **LIMITATIONS ON REQUESTS FOR**
11 **DRAFTING OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

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13 ***Rule No. 13. Germaneness Required for Amendments.***

14 1. *The Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the*
15 *drafting of an amendment to a bill or resolution if the subject*
16 *matter of the amendment is independent of, and not specifically*
17 *related and properly connected to, the subject that is expressed in*
18 *the title of the bill or resolution.*

19 2. *For the purposes of this rule, an amendment is*
20 *independent of, and not specifically related and properly*
21 *connected to, the subject that is expressed in the title of a bill or*
22 *resolution if the amendment relates only to the general, single*
23 *subject that is expressed in that title and not to the specific whole*
24 *subject matter embraced in the bill or resolution.*

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26 **CONTINUATION OF LEADERSHIP OF THE SENATE**
27 **AND ASSEMBLY DURING THE INTERIM**
28 **BETWEEN SESSIONS**

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30 ***Rule No. 14. Tenure and Performance of Statutory Duties.***

31 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the*
32 *tenure of the President Pro Tem, Majority Leader and Minority*
33 *Leader of the Senate and the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tem, Majority*
34 *Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader of the Assembly extends*
35 *during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature.*

36 2. *The Senators designated to be the President Pro Tem,*
37 *Majority Leader and Minority Leader for the next succeeding*
38 *regular session shall perform any statutory duty required in the*
39 *period between the time of their designation after the general*
40 *election and the organization of the next succeeding regular*
41 *session of the Legislature if the Senator formerly holding the*
42 *respective position is no longer a Legislator.*

43 3. *The Assemblymen designated to be the Speaker, Speaker*
44 *Pro Tem, Majority Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader for*
45 *the next succeeding regular session shall perform any statutory*



1 *duty required in the period between the time of their designation*
2 *after the general election and the organization of the next*
3 *succeeding regular session.*

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5 **POLICY AND PROCEDURES REGARDING**
6 **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**
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8 *Rule No. 15. Maintenance of Working Environment;*
9 *Procedure for Filing, Investigating and Taking Remedial Action*
10 *on Complaints.*

11 *1. The Legislature hereby declares its intention to maintain a*
12 *working environment which is free from sexual harassment. This*
13 *policy applies to all Legislators. Each member is responsible to*
14 *conduct himself or herself in a manner which will ensure that*
15 *others are able to work in such an environment.*

16 *2. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, for the*
17 *purposes of this rule, "sexual harassment" means unwelcome*
18 *sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or*
19 *physical conduct of a sexual nature when:*

20 *(a) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or*
21 *implicitly a term or condition of a person's employment;*

22 *(b) Submission to or rejection of such conduct by a person is*
23 *used as the basis for employment decisions affecting the person;*
24 *or*

25 *(c) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably*
26 *interfering with a person's work performance or creating an*
27 *intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.*

28 *3. Each Legislator must exercise his or her own good*
29 *judgment to avoid engaging in conduct that may be perceived by*
30 *others as sexual harassment. The following noninclusive list*
31 *provides illustrations of conduct that the Legislature deems to be*
32 *inappropriate:*

33 *(a) Verbal conduct such as epithets, derogatory comments,*
34 *slurs or unwanted sexual advances, invitations or comments;*

35 *(b) Visual conduct such as derogatory posters, photography,*
36 *cartoons, drawings or gestures;*

37 *(c) Physical conduct such as unwanted touching, blocking*
38 *normal movement or interfering with the work directed at a person*
39 *because of his sex;*

40 *(d) Threats and demands to submit to sexual requests to keep a*
41 *person's job or avoid some other loss, and offers of employment*
42 *benefits in return for sexual favors; and*

43 *(e) Retaliation for opposing, reporting or threatening to report*
44 *sexual harassment, or for participating in an investigation,*
45 *proceeding or hearing conducted by, or at the direction of, the*



1 *Legislature, the Legislative Counsel Bureau or the Nevada Equal*
2 *Rights Commission or the federal Equal Employment Opportunity*
3 *Commission,*
4 *↳ when submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or*
5 *implicitly a term or condition of a person's employment or*
6 *submission to or rejection of such conduct by a person is used as*
7 *the basis for employment decisions affecting the person or such*
8 *conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with*
9 *a person's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile*
10 *or offensive working environment.*
11 *4. A person may have a claim of sexual harassment even if*
12 *the person has not lost a job or some other economic benefit.*
13 *Conduct that impairs a person's ability to work or his emotional*
14 *well-being at work may constitute sexual harassment.*
15 *5. A Legislator who believes he or she is being sexually*
16 *harassed on the job may file a written complaint with:*
17 *(a) The Speaker of the Assembly;*
18 *(b) The Majority Leader of the Senate; or*
19 *(c) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, if the*
20 *complaint involves the conduct of the Speaker of the Assembly or*
21 *the Majority Leader of the Senate.*
22 *↳ The complaint must include the details of the incident or*
23 *incidents, the names of the persons involved and the names of any*
24 *witnesses.*
25 *6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the Speaker*
26 *of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate, as*
27 *appropriate, shall refer a complaint received pursuant to*
28 *subsection 5 to a committee consisting of Legislators of the same*
29 *House.*
30 *7. If the complaint involves the conduct of the Speaker of the*
31 *Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Director of*
32 *the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall refer the complaint to the*
33 *Committee of the Whole of the Assembly or the Committee of*
34 *the Whole of the Senate, as appropriate. If the Speaker of the*
35 *Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate is a member of one*
36 *of these committees, the Speaker or the Majority Leader, as the*
37 *case may be, shall not participate in the investigation and*
38 *resolution of the complaint.*
39 *8. The committee to which the complaint is referred shall*
40 *conduct a discreet investigation of the complaint. As a part of*
41 *the investigation, the committee shall notify the accused of the*
42 *allegations. Either party may request a hearing before the*
43 *committee. The committee shall make its determination and*
44 *inform the complainant and the accused of its determination as*
45 *soon as practicable after it has completed its investigation.*



1 9. *If the investigation reveals that sexual harassment has*
2 *occurred, the Legislature will take appropriate disciplinary or*
3 *remedial action, or both. The committee shall inform the*
4 *complainant of any action taken. The Legislature will also take*
5 *any action necessary to deter any future harassment.*

6 10. *The Legislature will not retaliate against a person who*
7 *files a complaint and will not knowingly permit any retaliation by*
8 *any other person.*

9 11. *The Legislature encourages a person to report any*
10 *incident of sexual harassment immediately so that the complaint*
11 *can be quickly and fairly resolved.*

12 12. *Action taken by a complainant pursuant to this rule does*
13 *not prohibit the complainant from also filing a complaint of*
14 *sexual harassment with the Nevada Equal Rights Commission or*
15 *the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.*

16 13. *All Legislators are responsible for adhering to the*
17 *provisions of this policy.*

18 14. *This policy does not create any enforceable legal rights in*
19 *any person.*

