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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

Offered January 15, 2009

*Amending and readopting Rule 18(a) and Rule 18(c) of the Rules of the House of Delegates, relating to discussion and public comment on bills in committees and subcommittees.*

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RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rule 18(a) and Rule 18(c) of the Rules of the House of Delegates are amended and readopted as follows:

## I. Organization.

## Committees.

Rule 18(a). When a question is before the committee, no motion shall be received unless specially provided for, except to adjourn, to pass by, to lay upon the table, to postpone for a specified time or purpose, to refer or rerefer, to amend, to strike from the docket, or report; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged and each such motion shall be required to be seconded.

The Committee on Rules may, on a vote of a majority of the members appointed plus one, send a bill, joint resolution, or resolution to the floor on a motion that "the bill, joint resolution, or resolution be reported to the floor by the committee without specific recommendation." *However, no bill shall be sent to the floor from the Committee prior to the Committee providing an opportunity for public comment on the bill in full Committee or a subcommittee.* This motion is a special motion and can only be made in the Committee on Rules.

When a question has been decided, it may be reconsidered on the motion of any member who voted with the prevailing side provided it be made on the same day or if such motion has not been communicated to the House, such motion may be made no later than the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the full committee.

Rule 18(c). A recorded vote of members upon each measure sent to the floor, including those measures reported and referred by committee, shall be taken and the name and number of those voting for, against, or abstaining shall be reported with the bill or resolution and ordered printed on the Calendar. *However, no bill shall be sent to the floor or ordered printed on the Calendar for first reading from any committee prior to the committee providing an opportunity for public comment on the bill in the subcommittee or full committee.*

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