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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 718

Offered August 3, 2021

Limiting legislation to be considered by the 2021 Special Session II of the General Assembly and establishing a schedule for the conduct of business coming before such Special Session.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

RESOLVED by the Senate, That during the 2021 Special Session II of the General Assembly, summoned by proclamation of the Governor on June 23, 2021, to begin August 2, 2021, except with the unanimous consent of the Senate, no bill, joint resolution, or resolution shall be offered or considered during the Special Session other than (i) a Budget Bill; (ii) Senate commending or memorial resolutions; (iii) bills, joint resolutions, or resolutions affecting the rules of procedure or schedule of business; (iv) bills, joint resolutions, or resolutions relating to the election of judges and other officials subject to the election of the General Assembly; (v) joint resolutions or resolutions relating to appointments made by legislative branch public bodies or appointing authorities subject to the confirmation of the General Assembly or the Senate; or (vi) bills or joint resolutions requested in writing by the Governor; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That after the Special Session is convened for the first time, the Senate may recess from time-to-time until reconvened with at least 48 hours' notice by the call of the Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That for purposes of this resolution:

"Budget Bill" means a general appropriation bill introduced in each house that authorizes or commits the expenditure of public revenues during the Commonwealth's fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the 2021 Special Session II of the General Assembly shall be governed by the following procedural rules:

Rule 1. No Senate commending or memorial resolution shall be offered after 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 4, 2021, except with unanimous consent of the Senate.

Rule 2. No engrossment of the Budget Bill shall be required, and any conference on the Budget Bill shall consider, as the basis of its deliberations, the Budget Bill as recommended by the Governor and introduced in the House and the amendments thereto proposed by each house. A report shall be issued concurrently with the report of the conference committee that identifies the following by item number, narrative description, and dollar amount: (i) any nonstate agency appropriation, (ii) any item in the conference report that was not included in a general appropriation bill as passed by either the House or the Senate during Special Session II, and (iii) any item that represents legislation that failed in either house during Special Session II.