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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 399

House Amendments in [] — January 11, 1995

Providing for certain Joint Assemblies and establishing a schedule for the conduct of business coming before the 1995 Regular Session of the General Assembly of Virginia.

_____ Patrons—Cranwell, Ball, Dickinson, Heilig, Moss and Wilkins; Senators: Benedetti, Holland, E.M., Marye and Walker

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly shall meet Wednesday, January 11, 1995, at such time as specified by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, in joint session to receive the Governor of Virginia and such communication as he may desire to make, and that the rules for the government of the House of Delegates and the Senate, when convened in joint session for such purpose, shall be as follows:

1. At the hour fixed for the meeting of the Joint Assembly, the Senators, accompanied by the President and the Clerk of the Senate, shall proceed to the Hall of the House of Delegates and shall be received by the Delegates standing. Appropriate seats shall be assigned to the Senators by the Sergeant at Arms of the House. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall assign an appropriate seat for the President of the Senate.

2. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall be President of the Joint Assembly. In case it shall be necessary for the Speaker to vacate the Chair, the President of the Senate shall serve as the presiding officer.

3. The Clerk of the House of Delegates shall be Clerk of the Joint Assembly and shall be assisted by the Clerk of the Senate. The Clerk of the Joint Assembly shall enter the proceedings of the Joint Assembly in the Journal of the House and shall certify a copy of the same to the Clerk of the Senate, who shall enter the same in the Journal of the Senate.

4. The Sergeant at Arms, Doorkeepers, and Pages of the House shall act as such for the Joint Assembly.

5. The Rules of the House of Delegates, as far as applicable, shall be the Rules of the Joint Assembly.

6. In calling the roll of the Joint Assembly, the names of the Senators shall be called in alphabetical order, then the names of the Delegates in like order, except that the name of the Speaker of the House shall be called last.

7. If, when the Joint Assembly meets, it shall be ascertained that a majority of each house is not present, the Joint Assembly may take measures to secure the attendance of absentees, or adjourn to a succeeding day, as a majority of those present may determine.

8. When the Joint Assembly adjourns, the Senators, accompanied by the President and the Clerk of the Senate, shall return to their chamber, and the business of the House shall be continued in the same order as at the time of the entrance of the Senators; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly shall meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Delegates on Friday, February 3, 1995, at such time as specified by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, to receive The Honorable Margaret Thatcher, Chancellor of The College of William and Mary and former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and such address as she may desire to make, and that the rules for the government of the House of Delegates and the Senate, when convened in joint session for such purpose, shall be the same as previously provided for the Joint Assembly; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That for purposes of the procedural deadlines established herein for the 1995 Regular Session of the General Assembly, the term:

1. "Budget Bill" shall mean the general appropriation bill introduced in each house which authorizes the biennial expenditure of public revenues for the period from July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1996.

2. "Revenue bill" shall mean any bill that increases or decreases the total revenues available for appropriation, including any sales tax exemption bill.

3. "Debt bill" shall mean any bill that authorizes the issuance of debt.

4. "Appropriation bill" shall mean any bill, except the general appropriation bill (Budget Bill), that authorizes or directs the expenditure of state funds.

Each budget, revenue, debt, and appropriation bill shall have its appropriate designation stamped upon its cover; and, be it

[RESOLVED FURTHER, That all bills and joint resolutions offered for introduction after the deadline provided in Rule 3, except for commending, congratulatory, and memorial legislation, shall be placed before the Committees on Rules in both houses for a determination as to the existence of an emergency which is reasonably compelling for introduction of the measure. Only if both Committees separately agree by majority vote of the members voting may the measure be offered for introduction

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60 with unanimous consent in the house of introduction; and, be it]

61 RESOLVED FINALLY, That the 1995 Regular Session of the General Assembly shall be governed
62 by the following procedural rules, which establish time limitations for all legislation introduced for the
63 1995 Regular Session except House and Senate resolutions; legislation introduced after the deadline
64 provided in Rule 3 [with unanimous consent] ; or legislation requested in writing by the Governor, the
65 Speaker of the House of Delegates or the President pro tempore of the Senate:

66 Rule 1. Pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 2 (1994), neither house of the General Assembly
67 shall receive from any committee any bill, joint resolution, or resolution that was continued on the
68 agenda of such committee and acted on later than Tuesday, December 20, 1994. For purposes of this
69 rule, a motion to rerefer a measure to another committee shall be treated as an action by a committee.

70 Rule 2. Neither requests for the preparation, redrafting, or correction of bills, nor requests for the
71 preparation, redrafting, or correction of joint resolutions, except those affecting the rules of procedure or
72 the schedule of business of the General Assembly, either of its houses, or any of its committees, shall be
73 submitted to or received by the Division of Legislative Services later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, January
74 16, 1995.

75 Rule 3. Except for bills required to be filed earlier, no bill or joint resolution, other than one
76 affecting the rules of procedure or the schedule of business of the General Assembly, either of its
77 houses, or any of its committees, shall be offered in either house after the adjournment of that house on
78 Monday, January 23, 1995.

79 Rule 4. The committees responsible for the consideration of revenue, debt, and appropriation bills
80 shall complete their work on such bills that are in the houses of introduction no later than midnight,
81 Thursday, February 2, 1995.

82 Rule 5. The committees responsible for the consideration of the Budget Bill in the houses of
83 introduction shall complete their work on such bill, no later than midnight, Sunday, February 5, 1995,
84 and any amendments proposed by such committees shall be made available to their respective houses no
85 later than noon, Tuesday, February 7, 1995.

86 Rule 6. Except for the Budget Bill, beginning Wednesday, February 8, 1995, the House of Delegates
87 shall consider only Senate bills, Senate joint resolutions, House bills with Senate amendments, and
88 House joint resolutions with Senate amendments; the Senate shall consider only House bills, House joint
89 resolutions, Senate bills with House amendments, and Senate joint resolutions with House amendments;
90 and each house may consider conference reports and other privileged matters to the end that the work of
91 each house may be disposed of by the other.

92 Rule 7. The houses of introduction shall complete their consideration of the Budget Bill, except for
93 conference reports and other privileged matters relating thereto, no later than Thursday, February 9,
94 1995.

95 Rule 8. No later than midnight, Tuesday, February 14, 1995, each house shall complete consideration
96 of the Budget Bill and all revenue bills, except for conference reports and other privileged matters
97 relating thereto, and the appointing authority shall appoint the conferees to such bills.

98 Rule 9. The first conference on any revenue bills shall complete its deliberations no later than
99 midnight, Saturday, February 18, 1995, and the report of such conference shall be available to all
100 members of the General Assembly no later than noon, Monday, February 20, 1995.

101 Rule 10. Beginning Tuesday, February 21, 1995, neither house shall receive from any committee any
102 bill, joint resolution, or resolution acted on by any committee later than Monday, February 20, 1995.

103 Rule 11. The first conference on the Budget Bill shall complete its deliberations no later than
104 midnight, Tuesday, February 21, 1995, and the report of such conference shall be available to all
105 members of the General Assembly no later than noon, Thursday, February 23, 1995; no engrossment of
106 the Budget Bill shall be required in either house, and any conference on the Budget Bill shall consider,
107 as the basis of its deliberations, the Budget Bill as recommended by the Governor and introduced in the
108 House and the amendments thereto proposed by each house.

109 Rule 12. Except for joint resolutions affecting the rules of procedure or the schedule of business of
110 the General Assembly, beginning Friday, February 24, 1995, the House shall consider only Senate joint
111 resolutions and House joint resolutions with Senate amendments, the Senate shall consider only House
112 joint resolutions and Senate joint resolutions with House amendments, and each house may consider
113 conference reports or joint resolutions and other privileged matters relating thereto, to the end that the
114 work of each house may be disposed of by the other.

115 Rule 13. No later than Friday, February 24, 1995, each house shall begin consideration of joint
116 resolutions to fill any existing or pending vacancy on (i) the Supreme Court of Virginia, (ii) the Court
117 of Appeals of Virginia, (iii) the State Corporation Commission, (iv) the Virginia Workers' Compensation
118 Commission, or (v) the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission. In the event that the houses cannot
119 agree on the filling of any such vacancy before Saturday, February 25, 1995, such vacancy shall become
120 the subject of a special and continuing order in each house at the time such house completes its morning
121 hour, and such special and continuing order shall have precedence over all other business of either

122 house, until such time as both houses reach agreement.

123 Rule 14. This session of the General Assembly shall be extended beyond the thirty-day period
124 provided in Section 6 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia and shall adjourn sine die no later
125 than the legislative day of Saturday, February 25, 1995. (A legislative day begins with a call to order by
126 the presiding officer and ends when declared adjourned by the presiding officer.)

127 Rule 15. Pursuant to Section 6 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia, the General Assembly
128 shall reconvene Wednesday, April 5, 1995, for the purpose of considering bills which may have been
129 returned by the Governor with recommendations for their amendment and bills and items of
130 appropriation bills, including the general appropriation act, which may have been returned by the
131 Governor with his objections.

132 Rule 16. The conduct of the business of any subcommittee of any House committee, any joint
133 subcommittee of House and Senate committees, and any interim study commission created pursuant to a
134 House measure shall be governed by the Rules of the House of Delegates, and the conduct of the
135 business of any subcommittee of any Senate committee, any joint subcommittee of Senate and House
136 committees, and any interim study commission created pursuant to a Senate measure shall be governed
137 by the Rules of the Senate.

138 Rule 17. Any staff member assigned to work for, and support the efforts of, any committee of the
139 House or Senate, any subcommittee of any such committee, any joint subcommittee of House and
140 Senate committees, or any interim study commission shall work under the direction of the chairman of
141 such committee, subcommittee, joint subcommittee, or interim study commission.

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