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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 483
FLOOR AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by Delegate Cranwell
on January 13, 1999)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cranwell)

Providing for a Joint Assembly and establishing a schedule for the conduct of business coming before the 1999 Regular Session of the General Assembly of Virginia.

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly shall meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Delegates on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, at such time as specified by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, to receive the Governor of Virginia, and such address 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:

Rule I. 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.

Rule II. 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.

Rule III. 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.

Rule IV. The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeepers of the House shall act as such for the Joint Assembly.

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

Rule VI. 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.

Rule VII. 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.

Rule VIII. 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 for purposes of the procedural deadlines established herein for the 1999 Regular Session of the General Assembly:

"Adult/juvenile correctional impact bill" shall mean, in accordance with § 30-19.1:4, any bill which would result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities or periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice. The first-day introduction deadline shall not apply to any adult/juvenile correctional impact bill whose only impact is to create a misdemeanor or increase or decrease a penalty to a misdemeanor.

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

"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, 1998, through June 30, 2000.

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

"Legislative day" shall mean the period of time that begins with a call to order by the presiding officer and ends when declared adjourned by the presiding officer.

"Local fiscal impact bill" shall mean, in accordance with § 30-19.03:1, any bill that mandates a county, city, or town to incur an additional net expenditure. The first-day introduction deadline shall not apply to any local fiscal impact bill whose only impact is to create a misdemeanor or increase or decrease a penalty to a misdemeanor.

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

"Virginia Retirement System bill" shall mean, in accordance with § 30-19.1:7, any bill that amends, repeals, or modifies any provision of the Virginia Retirement System, the State Police Officers'

60 Retirement System, or the Judicial Retirement System and that is required to be filed by the first day of
61 the regular session.

62 Each adult/juvenile correctional impact, appropriation, budget, debt, local fiscal impact, revenue, and
63 Virginia Retirement System bill shall have its appropriate designation stamped upon its cover. Each
64 adult/juvenile correctional impact or local fiscal impact bill whose only fiscal impact is to create a
65 misdemeanor or increase or decrease a penalty to a misdemeanor shall state this opinion in the summary
66 appearing on the bill's cover; and, be it

67 RESOLVED FINALLY, That the 1999 Regular Session of the General Assembly shall be governed
68 by the following procedural rules, which establish time limitations for elections and for all legislation
69 introduced for or continued to the 1999 Regular Session except:

70 House and Senate resolutions;

71 joint commending and memorial resolutions;

72 legislation affecting the rules of procedure or the schedule of business of the General Assembly,
73 either of its houses, or any of its committees;

74 any adult/juvenile correctional impact, local fiscal impact, or Virginia Retirement System bill filed
75 after the first-day introduction deadline, with the consent of two-thirds of the members elected to the
76 house in which the bill is offered;

77 legislation introduced after the deadline provided in Rule 3, with the consent of two-thirds of the
78 members elected to the house in which the bill or joint resolution is offered; or

79 legislation requested in writing by the Governor:

80 Rule 1. Pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 12 (1998), neither house of the General Assembly
81 shall receive from any committee any bill, joint resolution, or resolution that was continued on the
82 agenda of such committee and acted on later than Monday, December 21, 1998. For purposes of this
83 rule, a motion to rerefer a measure to another committee shall be treated as an action by a committee.

84 Rule 2. Neither requests for the drafting, redrafting, or correction of bills, nor requests for the
85 drafting, redrafting, or correction of joint resolutions, except those affecting the rules of procedure or the
86 schedule of business of the General Assembly, either of its houses, or any of its committees, shall be
87 submitted to or received by the Division of Legislative Services later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January
88 14, 1999.

89 Rule 3. Except for bills required to be filed earlier, no bill or joint resolution, other than one
90 affecting the rules of procedure or the schedule of business of the General Assembly, either of its
91 houses, or any of its committees, shall be offered in either house after 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 21,
92 1999.

93 Rule 4. No later than Thursday, January 21, 1999, each house shall begin its consideration of any
94 election to fill a judicial seat (i) due to the expiration of a term of a judge, (ii) currently held by a
95 justice or judge serving under a pro tempore appointment of the Governor pursuant to Section 7 of
96 Article VI of the Constitution of Virginia, and (iii) currently held by a judge serving under a pro
97 tempore appointment of a circuit court pursuant to § 16.1-69.9:2 of the Code of Virginia. In the event
98 that the houses cannot agree on any such election before Friday, January 22, 1999, such election shall
99 become the subject of a special and continuing joint order in each house at the time such house
100 completes its morning hour, and such special and continuing joint order shall have precedence over all
101 other business of either house, until such time as both houses reach agreement on such election or agree
102 to hold it at another specific time. The Rules of each house, as far as applicable, shall be the Rules
103 governing any such election.

104 Rule 5. No later than Monday, January 25, 1999, the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement
105 System shall submit, in accordance with § 30-19.1:7, impact statements for all Virginia Retirement
106 System bills filed on the first day of session. For any Virginia Retirement System bill filed later than the
107 first day of session, the Board of Trustees shall use due diligence in preparing the impact statement in
108 time for review by the standing committees.

109 Rule 6. The committees responsible for the consideration of adult/juvenile correctional impact,
110 appropriation, debt, revenue, and Virginia Retirement System bills in the houses of introduction shall
111 complete their work on such bills no later than midnight, Thursday, February 4, 1999.

112 Rule 7. The committees responsible for the consideration of the Budget Bill in the houses of
113 introduction shall complete their work on such bill no later than midnight, Sunday, February 7, 1999,
114 and any amendments proposed by such committees shall be made available to their respective houses no
115 later than noon, Tuesday, February 9, 1999.

116 Rule 8. Except for the Budget Bill, beginning Wednesday, February 10, 1999, the House of
117 Delegates shall consider only Senate bills, Senate joint resolutions, House bills with Senate amendments,
118 and House joint resolutions with Senate amendments; the Senate shall consider only House bills, House
119 joint resolutions, Senate bills with House amendments, and Senate joint resolutions with House
120 amendments; each house may consider conference reports and other privileged matters to the end that
121 the work of each house may be disposed of by the other.

122 Rule 9. The houses of introduction shall complete their consideration of the Budget Bill, except for
123 conference reports and other privileged matters relating thereto, no later than Thursday, February 11,
124 1999.

125 Rule 10. The committees responsible for the consideration of revenue bills of the other house shall
126 complete their consideration of such bills no later than midnight, Tuesday, February 16, 1999.

127 Rule 11. No later than midnight, Wednesday, February 17, 1999, each house shall complete
128 consideration of the Budget Bill and all revenue bills of the other house, except for conference reports
129 and other privileged matters relating thereto, and the appointing authority shall appoint the conferees to
130 such bills.

131 Rule 12. The first conference on any revenue bill shall complete its deliberations no later than
132 midnight, Saturday, February 20, 1999, and the report of such conference shall be available to all
133 members of the General Assembly no later than noon, Monday, February 22, 1999.

134 Rule 13. Beginning Tuesday, February 23, 1999, neither house shall receive from any committee any
135 bill, joint resolution, or resolution acted on by any committee later than midnight, Monday, February 22,
136 1999.

137 Rule 14. The first conference on the Budget Bill shall complete its deliberations no later than
138 midnight, Tuesday, February 23, 1999, and the report of such conference shall be available to all
139 members of the General Assembly no later than noon, Thursday, February 25, 1999; no engrossment of
140 the Budget Bill shall be required in either house, and any conference on the Budget Bill shall consider,
141 as the basis of its deliberations, the Budget Bill as recommended by the Governor and introduced in the
142 House and the amendments thereto proposed by each house.

143 Rule 15. No later than Thursday, February 25, 1999, each house shall begin consideration of joint
144 resolutions to fill any existing or pending vacancy on (i) the Supreme Court of Virginia, (ii) the Court
145 of Appeals of Virginia, (iii) any circuit or district court of the Commonwealth, (iv) the State Corporation
146 Commission, (v) the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, and (vi) the Judicial Inquiry and
147 Review Commission. In the event that the houses cannot agree on the filling of any such vacancy before
148 Friday, February 26, 1999, such vacancy shall become the subject of a special and continuing joint order
149 in each house at the time such house completes its morning hour, and such special and continuing joint
150 order shall have precedence over all other business of either house, until such time as both houses reach
151 agreement or either house votes to suspend or discharge the order. The Rules of each house, as far as
152 applicable, shall be the Rules governing the filling of any such vacancy.

153 Rule 16. Except for joint resolutions affecting the rules of procedure or the schedule of business of
154 the General Assembly, beginning Friday, February 26, 1999, the House shall consider only Senate joint
155 resolutions and House joint resolutions with Senate amendments, the Senate shall consider only House
156 joint resolutions and Senate joint resolutions with House amendments, and each house may consider
157 conference reports or joint resolutions and other privileged matters relating thereto, to the end that the
158 work of each house may be disposed of by the other.

159 Rule 17. This session of the General Assembly shall be extended beyond the thirty-day period
160 provided in Section 6 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia and shall adjourn sine die no later
161 than the legislative day of Saturday, February 27, 1999.

162 Rule 18. Pursuant to Section 6 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia, the General Assembly
163 shall reconvene Wednesday, April 7, 1999, for the purpose of considering bills which may have been
164 returned by the Governor with recommendations for their amendment and bills and items of
165 appropriation bills, including the general appropriation act, which may have been returned by the
166 Governor with his objections.

167 Rule 19. The conduct of the business of any subcommittee of any House committee, any joint
168 subcommittee of House and Senate committees, and any interim study commission created pursuant to a
169 House measure shall be governed by the Rules of the House of Delegates; the conduct of the business
170 of any subcommittee of any Senate committee, any joint subcommittee of Senate and House committees,
171 and any interim study commission created pursuant to a Senate measure shall be governed by the Rules
172 of the Senate.

173 Rule 20. Any staff member assigned to work for, and support the efforts of, any committee of the
174 House or Senate, any subcommittee of any such committee, any joint subcommittee of House and
175 Senate committees, or any interim study commission shall work under the direction of the chairman of
176 such committee, subcommittee, joint subcommittee, or interim study commission.