

House Rules

33. Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills

(a) Upon third reading, a motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill shall be in order only after the title of the bill has been read.

(b) No amendment to a bill on third reading is in order except with the consent of a majority of all members elected. A substitute amendment to a third reading amendment is never in order.

(b.5) Except during the last three days of a legislative session, only an amendment to a bill on third reading that is not substantial is in order. Upon consent of a majority of all members elected, a bill may be referred back to second reading from third reading for consideration of a substantial amendment to the bill.

(c) The final vote shall be taken by ayes and noes, and the names of those members voting for and against the bill shall be entered in the journal.

(d) No bill shall be declared passed, or signed by the Speaker, unless a majority of all members elected shall be recorded as voting for the same.

(e) During the third reading of bills, members shall not use any electronic devices for the purpose of transmitting or receiving voice or data communications, including but not limited to electronic mail and text messaging.