

Conference Committee Options for House Bills¹

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| STAGE OF PROCEEDINGS | POSSIBLE ACTIONS | RESULTS |
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| 1. Consideration of Senate amendments HR 36; JR 4 | House concurs in amendments and readopts bill | Bill delivered to Governor |
| | House rejects Senate amendments and adheres to House position | Senate recedes and readopts bill; bill delivered to Governor |
| | | Senate adheres; bill dies |
| | House rejects amendments and requests conference committee ("CC") | House and Senate appoint conferrees |
| 2. Conference Committee Appointed HR 36(c) JR 5; JR 6(a) | Prior to consideration of CC report, or within 1 day after Senate rejects CC report, House votes to recede and readopts bill | Bill delivered to Governor |
| | Prior to consideration of CC report, House votes to adhere | Senate recedes and readopts bill; bill delivered to Governor |
| | | Senate adheres; bill dies |
| | Prior to delivery of CC report, Senate votes to recede and readopts bill | Bill delivered to Governor |
| | Prior to delivery of CC report, Senate votes to adhere | House recedes and readopts bill; bill delivered to Governor |
| | | House adheres; bill dies |
| Note: After one day of actual session following referral of a bill to CC, either house, by majority vote, can demand that the CC report within 2 days after the demand (within last 5 days of session, CC must report on same day as demand). If CC doesn't report, CC is discharged and the houses may appoint a second CC or either house may adhere. (JR 7) | | |

¹As an aid to reading the rules relating to conference committees, please note that in nearly all circumstances involving House bills, the House will be the "requesting house" and the Senate will be the "assenting house".

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| <p>3. CC Report delivered to Senate HR 36(c); JR 6(b)</p> | Senate votes to adhere | House recedes and readopts bill; bill delivered to Governor |
| | | House adheres; bill dies |
| | Senate votes to recede and readopts bill | Bill delivered to Governor |
| | Senate rejects the report, dissolves the CC and appoints conferees to a 2nd CC (note: can only have 2 CCs) | House agrees to 2nd CC and appoints conferees (return to stage #2) |
| | | House does not agree to 2nd CC; Senate may: 1. adhere; or 2. recede and readopt bill; or 3. reconsider rejection and adopt report |
| | | By next day of actual session, House recedes and readopts bill; bill delivered to Governor |
| <p>4. CC Report adopted by Senate and delivered to House JR 6(c)</p> | House votes to adhere | Senate reconsiders adoption of CC report and readoption of bill; Senate recedes and readopts bill; bill delivered to Governor |
| | | Senate does not reconsider adoption of CC report; bill dies |
| | House votes to recede and readopts bill | Senate reconsiders adoption of CC report and readoption of bill; bill delivered to Governor |
| | House rejects CC report and appoints conferees to a 2nd CC | No later than next day of actual session, Senate reconsiders adoption of CC report and readoption of bill and appoints conferees to a 2nd CC (return to stage #2) |
| | | Senate does not agree to 2nd CC; House may: 1. adhere; or 2. recede and readopt bill; or 3. reconsider rejection and adopt report |
| | House adopts CC report and readopts bill | Bill delivered to Governor |