

By Mr. Card of Holbrook, petition of Andrew H. Card, Jr., Philip W. Johnston, Lawrence R. Alexander, Argeo P. Cellucci and another relative to amending the rules of the House as they relate to the appointment of floor leaders and the election of committee chairmen. Rules (House).

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

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*Ordered*, That Rule 17 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is changed by adding the following:—

Rule 17. (a new sentence added)

A Majority Steering and Policy Committee (to consist of the Speaker, who shall be chairman of the committee, the Majority Floor Leader, the Majority Party Caucus Chairman and two members elected by ballot by the majority party members).

A Minority Steering and Policy Committee (to consist of the Minority Floor Leader, who shall be chairman of the committee, the Assistant Minority Floor Leader, the Minority Party Caucus Chairman and two members elected by ballot by the minority party members).

Majority party members shall meet in caucus if called by the Speaker, the Caucus Chairman or 20 percent of the Majority Party members.

Minority party members shall meet in caucus if called by the Minority Floor Leader, the Caucus Chairman or 20 percent of the Minority Party members.

Rule 18 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is changed by striking the rule and inserting in its place the following:—

Rule 18. The Majority Floor Leader shall be that member of the majority party who is selected for that position by members of his party. The Assistant Majority Floor Leader and the Second Assistant Floor Leader shall be appointed by the Speaker.

The Minority Leader shall be that member of the minority party who is selected for that position by members of his party. The Assistant

Minority Floor Leader and the Second Assistant Floor Leader and the Third Assistant Floor Leader shall be appointed by the Minority Leader.

The chairman of each committee shall be elected by ballot by the members of the majority party. Nominations for committee chairmen may be made by the Majority Steering and Policy committee and by any member of the majority party.

The ranking minority member of each committee shall be elected by ballot by members of the minority party. Nominations for ranking minority members may be made by the Minority Steering and Policy Committee and by a member of the minority party.

All committee members shall be selected by the respective majority and minority Steering and Policy Committees with the relative committee chairmen. Committee member selections shall be subject to confirmation by ballot by the respective majority and minority party members.

The Speaker shall announce all committees as determined by the majority and minority party members. The member first named shall be chairman, and the second named member shall be vice-chairman. The minority member first named shall be the ranking minority member of the committee.