
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, January 9, 1986.

Ordered, That the Joint Rules of the two branches be amended as follows:

By inserting after Joint Rule 4, the following new rule:

Joint Rule 4A. In the event that the House and Senate members of a joint committee are unable to agree as to the report or as to the branch to which the report will be made, the House members, acting as a standing committee of the House for the purpose of this rule, shall make a report thereon to the House, and the Senate members, acting as a standing committee of the Senate for the purpose of this rule, shall make a report thereon to the Senate. Legislation originating under the provisions of this rule shall be known as "dual" legislation.

When dual legislation is reported to each branch under the provisions of this rule, the branch in which the matter was filed or presented shall receive all the original papers upon which the legislation is based. The other branch shall receive an exact duplicate of all the original papers, and such duplicate shall serve as the basis for the legislation in said branch. If dual legislation is reported based on Senate and House matters, the Senate shall receive its original papers and an exact duplicate of all the House papers, and the House shall receive its report in like manner.

Legislation reported under the provisions of this rule shall receive a new number in each branch. Upon the receipt of a dual report, the Clerk of each branch shall immediately assign the new number and shall immediately notify the other Clerk of the assignment of such number. The Clerk of each branch shall then process said dual report as soon as possible. Legislation reported, or substituted for an adverse report under the provisions of this rule shall be identified as dual legislation by the inclusion of the members assigned by the Clerk of each branch. When a dual

report is made favorably in one branch and adversely in the other branch, the Clerk of the branch receiving the favorable report shall assign a new number to the favorable legislation together with an identification of the adverse report, and the clerk of the branch receiving the adverse report shall maintain the original number on said report together with an identification of the dual legislation reported favorably in the other branch. If dual legislation is substituted for an adverse report, the Clerk of the branch making the substitution shall immediately assign a new number to the dual legislation substituted.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 4, in order to comply with the provisions of this rule, adverse reports on petitions can be made to either branch.

Dual legislation, once reported, and subsequently referred or recommitted to a joint committee shall not again be subject to the provisions of this rule.

It shall not be in order to apply the provisions of this rule to any subject of legislation accompanied by a "money bill".

By changing the designation of the present Joint Rule 4A to 4B.

In Joint Rule 1, by inserting after the second paragraph the following:

The members of the Senate of a joint standing committee, and the members of the House of a joint standing committee, shall each constitute a standing committee of their respective branch for the purpose of complying with the provisions of Joint Rule 4A; and that the Rules of the Senate be amended as follows:

In Senate Rule 13, by adding the following paragraph:

The Senate members of a joint standing committee shall constitute a standing committee of the Senate for the purposes of complying with the provisions of Joint Rule 4A,