

By Mr. Lees, petition (accompanied by order, Senate, No. 1463) of Brian P. Lees and Lucile P. Hicks for the adoption of an order to amend the rules of the Senate relative to the Senate Calendar and the creation of a Calendar Committee. Senate Rules.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

1 *Ordered*, That the rules of the Senate be amended by striking
2 out Senate Rules, 7, 12B and 26 and inserting in place thereof
3 the following: —

4 Rule 7. The Clerk, with the approval and direction of the
5 President, shall prepare and cause to be printed each day a
6 Calendar of matters in order for consideration. Each calendar
7 shall list all matters lying on the table, and all matters being held
8 by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading. It shall be
9 mandatory, however, that a bill or resolve ordered to third reading
10 on one Calendar day must appear on the Calendar at the following
11 formal session. The Clerk, with the approval and direction of the
12 President, may prepare the Calendar, with such memoranda as
13 he may deem necessary, in a form designed to provide complete
14 information and to properly facilitate the business of the Senate.

15 Rule 12B. There shall be a subcommittee of the Committee on
16 Rules which shall be known as the Calendar Committee consisting
17 of the Senate President, the Senate Minority Leader, and one
18 other member of the majority and minority caucus who shall be
19 appointed by the Senate President and Senate Minority Leader
20 respectively. Members of the Calendar Committee shall not be
21 compensated and the committee shall be chaired by the Senate
22 President.

23 The Calendar Committee shall formally meet on the first
24 Thursday of January to determine the schedule of formal and
25 informal sessions for the Massachusetts Senate. The committee
26 shall regularly meet thereafter for the purpose of assisting the
27 Senate in identifying the major matters which require
28 consideration by the General Court during the pending formal

29 sessions and to advise the Senate on the relative priority of such
30 matters, the relative urgency for consideration by the General
31 Court, and on scheduling legislative matters for their even
32 distribution throughout the legislative year.

33 Rule 26. Bills and resolves from the House, after they are read
34 a first time, shall be referred to a committee of the Senate, unless
35 they have been reported by a joint committee or substituted for
36 the report of a joint committee. Bills and resolves reported in the
37 Senate, and bills and resolves from the House reported by joint
38 committees or substituted for the reports of joint committees shall,
39 after they have been read once, be placed in the Orders of the Day
40 for the session for a second reading without a question, except
41 as otherwise provided by Rule 27. Bills introduced by initiative
42 petition, when reported in the Senate or received from the House,
43 shall be placed in the orders of the Day for the next session, the
44 question being "upon the enactment of such law in the form in
45 which it stands in such petition." Resolutions received from the
46 House, or introduced or reported in the Senate, shall be read and,
47 pending the question on their adoption, shall be placed in the
48 Orders of the Day for the next session.