

MEMO

DATE: December 10, 2004

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Greg Vitali

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Six Resolutions Amending House Rules

At the commencement of session, I will be introducing 6 separate resolutions, which would amend the House Rules as follows:

1. Restoring the provisions to House Rules 24 and 27 respectively, which would require a title or brief analysis of a bill to be read prior to voting and requiring the maker of an amendment to explain it. This rule change would also require a brief explanation to be read when the rules are suspended to consider either a bill or amendment.
2. Expanding the scope of floor debate on concurrence votes to the contents of the entire bill as opposed to only the changes made in the Senate.
3. Require two business days notice of committee meetings and their agendas, and requiring all amendments to be considered at committee meetings to be provided to committee members in one business day prior to the meeting.
4. Prohibit a House Member from using Commonwealth funds to purchase radio/or television time for Public Service Announcements; and prohibit a House Member from using Commonwealth funds to conduct telephone or telemarketing activities.
5. Require lobbyists to register and file quarterly expense reports within the House (to conform to Senate Resolution 3).
6. Members shall be given no less than 24 hours notice for all bills to be considered on concurrence (increases notification time from 1 hour).

If you wish to co-sponsor any of the resolutions, please call my office at 7-7647.