

DFL PROPOSAL FOR HOUSE ORGANIZATION

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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

1. Membership on all standing committees, divisions and subcommittees shall be evenly divided between DFL and IR caucus members.
2. Where the chairmanship of a committee is assigned to one caucus, the vice-chairmanship shall be assigned to a committee member of the same caucus.
3. The chairmen of all committees shall retain their present powers as defined by the rules.
4. There shall be no more than two subcommittees per committee, designated by the chairman, with the advice and consent of the caucus leader of that caucus holding the chairmanship. The allotted number of subcommittees for any committee may be increased upon approval of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, when requested by the appropriate committee chairman. The chairmanship of subcommittees shall be assigned to a committee member of the same caucus as the committee chairman.
5. A majority of a committee's members may bring a matter before the full committee for consideration.
6. Except for the modifications noted in Number 7 below, committee jurisdictions shall be the same as in the 70th Session.
7. All existing committees and divisions shall be re-established for the 71st Legislative Session with the following modifications: Re-establish the Committee on Judiciary; create a new Committee on Energy and Utilities; combine Committees of Education and Higher Education and create a Division of Higher Education within the combined committee; add the word "Housing" to Committee on Commerce and Economic Development; and, re-establish the Division of Claims.
8. Committee chairmen, vice-chairmen, division chairmen and standing committee members shall be designated by the respective caucus leaders. *in what new manner*

they desire

The chairmanship of committees and divisions shall be assigned to one or the other caucus as follows:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CAUCUS CHAIRING</u>	<u>SIZE OF COMMITTEE</u>
Agriculture	DFL <i>I.R. Pugh</i>	20
Appropriations	I-R <i>D.F.L.</i>	36
Education Division	I-R <i>D.F.L.</i>	(12)
Health, Welfare & Corrections Division	I-R	(12)
Semi-State Division	I-R	(8)
State Departments Division	I-R	(12)
Claims Division	I-R <i>(out)</i>	(6)
Commerce, Economic Development & Housing	I-R	24
Criminal Justice	DFL	20
Education	DFL	28
School Aids Division	I-R <i>D.F.L.</i>	(12)
Higher Education Division	I-R	(14)
Energy & Utilities	I-R	24
Environment and Natural Resources	DFL	24
Financial Institutions and Insurance	DFL	24
General Legislation & Veterans Affairs	DFL	20
Government Operations	DFL <i>I.R.</i>	28
Health and Welfare	DFL	24
Judiciary	I-R	20
Labor/Management Relations	DFL	20
Local and Urban Affairs	I-R	28
Taxes	DFL <i>I.R.</i>	30
Transportation	DFL	26

Don't have the authority to run the Appropriations Com.

SPEAKER

I. Selection

I.R.

- A. A DFL caucus member shall serve as Speaker.
- B. The I-R signatories to the organizational contract shall support the election of the Speaker on the first day of session.

II. Powers and Responsibilities -- All present powers and responsibilities are retained with the following modifications:

- A. Statutory Commissions, Special Committees and Boards (Refer to Sec. 1 of House Research Report dated December 5, 1978 as amended by Dec. 6, 1978).
 - 1. The Speaker will make all appointments to statutory commissions, special committees, and boards as provided by law. In those cases where statutory provisions refer to "minority leader", the Speaker shall make the appointments to assure proportional representation of the two caucuses.
 - 2. In making appointments of members of the opposite caucus, the Speaker shall follow the recommendations of that particular caucus leader.
 - 3. Where regular appointments are combined with automatic ex-officio appointments on a commission, special committee, or board, those regular appointments will be made so that all appointees, including those ex-officio, will be in a proportional balance between the two caucuses.
 - 4. Where an odd number of appointments is to be made to a particular commission, special committee, or board, balancing appointments will be made to another commission in order to assure overall proportionality.
 - 5. In filling vacancies occurring after the initial appointments, the Speaker shall follow the guidelines set forth above.
- B. Statutory power other than those related to commissions, special committees, and boards (Refer to Section 2 of House Research Report dated Dec. 5, 1978)
 - 1. Standing committees as interim committees. In making such appointments, the Speaker shall follow the recommendations of the leader of the caucus in which the vacancy occurs.

2. A copy of all reports or lists received by the Speaker pursuant to statutory direction shall, immediately upon receipt, be provided to the caucus leader of the other caucus.

C. House Rules and Joint Rules (Refer to Section 3 of House Research Report dated 12-5-78)

All powers and duties enumerated in the House Rules are retained with the following modifications:

- 1c Power to require any motion to be in writing shall be subject to consultation between caucus leaders, if abused.
- 2b & 2c Appointments to standing committees. Appointments shall be made pursuant to the agreement on committee structure.
- 3a Directs the Chief Clerk in preparation of General Orders. Continues as at present but with the understanding that committee reports shall be given their second reading (before placement on General Orders) in numerical order of introduction with House Files placed ahead of Senate Files.
- 3b Power to issue permits for admission to floor continued with understanding that each caucus leader will have equal number of floor passes available to him until one hour before each daily session.
- 3d Schedule of committee meetings shall be worked out by agreement of the two caucus leaders.
- 3e The power to set times during the interim when per diems are not charged against committee budgets (Rule 6.12) may be exercised by either caucus leader.
- 3g Power to direct Chief Clerk. Speaker's supervision subject to review by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. All supervision will be with the understanding that the Chief Clerk will fully cooperate with the caucus leader opposite the Speaker.
- 4b & 4c Reference of bills to Committee. See reference of bills under provisions relating to Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

D. Appointment of Conference Committees.

The Speaker shall appoint conference committees except that the chief author and another member of his caucus must be members.

or his Designee

RULES COMMITTEE

- I. The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration shall be chaired by a member of the ^{DFL} I-R caucus. It shall be composed of an equal number of members from both DFL and I-R caucuses. There shall be a total of 22 members on the committee.
- II. There shall be a regularly-scheduled weekly meeting of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. In addition, either the Rules Committee Chairman or caucus leader opposite the chairman may call a committee meeting upon notice to each member of the committee, provided there is no conflict with a regularly-scheduled standing committee or subcommittee meeting. If not occurring during a day on which the House meets, ample opportunity must be given to all members to attend. Either the chairman or caucus leader opposite the chairman may place an item on the agenda for the next meeting.
- III. All duties of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration as presently provided in the rules remain the same with the following modifications:
 - A. Reference of bills to committee. The Speaker shall make the initial reference unless the chief author objects to the reference on the same day as the bill is referred. In this case, the bill will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration for referral to a committee. The Rules Committee report on the referral is not subject to objection on the floor. If the Rules Committee does not make such a reference within five (5) legislative days, the referral of the Speaker shall stand.
 - B. Before action by the full House, all constitutional amendments shall be referred or re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.
 - C. No amendment to the report of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration on the Permanent Rules of the House shall be allowed on the floor of the House.
 - D. The Speaker's power to supervise the Chief Clerk under Rule 7.3 shall be subject to review by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.
- IV. The Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration shall continue to fill vacancies in those commissions and boards provided by statute (Refer to Sec. 4 of House Research Report). He shall make the appointments to assure proportional representation between the two caucuses. In making appointments of members of the opposite caucus, the Chairman shall follow the recommendations of that particular caucus leader.

FLOOR LEADER

Rotating Floor Leader

1. A DFL caucus member shall serve as floor leader.
2. All information pertaining to floor motions for a particular day shall be provided by the Speaker to the opposing caucus leader prior to the beginning of the day's session.

WRITTEN CONTRACT

I. Duration

- A. The provisions of the organizational contract shall expire when either side obtains an organizational majority. *should be 68 votes.*
- B. The caucus obtaining such a majority could consider continuing portions of the contract arrangements on a voluntary basis.

II. The provisions of the organizational contract shall prevail over the provisions of House Rules where in conflict.

III. The organizational contract shall be signed by the 10 negotiators.

IV. The organizational contract shall be ratified by roll call of the House on the first day of the 71st Legislative session immediately following administration of the oath of office and published in the Journal of the House.

Upon ratification of the contract, the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration shall assume the functions of the negotiation team for the duration of the contract.

We must map out the process for the First Day of Session.