

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2009  
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-A011  
**TITLE:** Amending Rule 6 of the House of Deputies Rules of Order  
**PROPOSER:** House of Deputies President's Council of Advice  
**COMMITTEE:** Rules of Order

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

1997-D038 Amend House of Deputies Rule III.6 [Calendar of Unfinished Business]  
1994-A126 Amend House of Deputies Rule III.6 [Consent Calendar]  
1994-D101 Amend House of Deputies Rule III.6 [Calendar of Unfinished Business]  
1976-D032 Amend House of Deputies Rule III.6 [Unfinished Business and Consent Calendars]

**Indirectly Related:**

None

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions of General Convention for the period 1976 through 2006, selecting "direct" resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. Committee members who are interested in obtaining copies of "indirectly related" resolutions, legislative history before 1976, or who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.*



**Resolution Number:** 1997-D038  
**Title:** Amend House of Deputies Rule III.6 [Calendar of Unfinished Business]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Adopted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That House of Deputies Rule of Order III.6 [second paragraph] be amended as follows:*

**[Ninth sentence] Matters appearing on the Consent Calendar shall be taken up immediately following the noon recess of the second *next* legislative day following their placement on the Consent Calendar, or otherwise by unanimous consent or by adoption of a special order of business. [Remainder of rule is unchanged.]**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 510.



**Resolution Number:** 1994-A126  
**Title:** Amend House of Deputies Rule III.6 [Consent Calendar]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Adopted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the second paragraph of Rule III.6 of the Rules of Order be amended in the following respects:*

**(a). Amend the 10th sentence to read as follows:**

**"A matter may be placed on the Consent Calendar by report of a Legislative Committee, if the Committee vote to report the matter with a recommendation for adoption, with or without amendments, or for discharge or for rejection was ~~unanimous~~ by three-fourths of the members present and if the Committee by vote of three-fourths of the members present recommends placement of the matter on the Consent Calendar."**

**(b). Strike the 11th sentence: "For purposes of this provision, a unanimous vote is a vote with no member voting nay."**

**(c). Amend the 12th sentence by striking "(1) Any lay or clerical deputation" and by inserting the words "any three lay or clerical deputations."**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 488.



**Resolution Number:** 1994-D101  
**Title:** Amend House of Deputies Rule III.6 [Calendar of Unfinished Business]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Adopted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the tenth sentence of the second paragraph of HD Rule III.6 be amended by inserting "or referral to a Joint or Standing Commission," after "discharge."*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 808.



**Resolution Number:** 1976-D032  
**Title:** Amend House of Deputies Rule III.6 [Unfinished Business and Consent Calendars]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Adopted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That Rule 6 of the Rules of Order of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:*

**6. The Secretary shall keep a Calendar of Business, on which shall be placed, in the order of their presentation, the subjects being briefly indicated, Orders of the Day, reports of Committees, Resolutions which lie over, and other matters undisposed of.**

**The Secretary shall also keep a Consent Calendar, which shall be published daily and distributed to the members before the convening of the House on each legislative day, and designate it as a separate calendar. Matters shall be listed on the Consent Calendar in separate groupings according to the date that they have been placed thereon. All matters to which amendments have been proposed by a Committee shall be so designated. No debate is in order regarding any matter appearing on the Consent Calendar. However, the President shall allow a reasonable time for questions from the floor and answers to those questions. No amendment other than an amendment contained in a Committee report is in order regarding any matter on the Consent Calendar. Any amendments contained in Committee reports on such matters shall be deemed adopted unless the matter is objected to and removed from the Consent Calendar. Immediately prior to a vote on the first matter on the Consent Calendar the President shall call to the attention of the members the fact that the next vote will be on the first matter pending on the Consent Calendar. Matters appearing on the Consent Calendar shall be taken up immediately following the noon recess of the second legislative day following their placement on the Consent Calendar, or otherwise by unanimous consent or by adoption of a special order of business. A matter may be placed on the Consent Calendar by report of a Standing Committee if the Committee votes to report the matter with a recommendation for adoption, with or without amendments, was unanimous and if the Committee recommends placement of the matter on the Consent Calendar. For purposes of this provision, a unanimous vote is a vote with no member voting nay. Prior to a vote on final passage of any matter appearing on the Consent Calendar, it shall be removed from the Consent Calendar if (1) any lay or clerical deputation, or (2) the sponsor of the matter, or (3) the Committee on Dispatch of Business files with the Secretary written objections to the presence of the matter on the Consent Calendar. Any matter so removed may not be placed thereafter on the Consent Calendar but shall be restored to the Daily Calendar. Any matter removed from the Consent Calendar to which amendments have been proposed by a Committee shall stand on the Daily Calendar in its original, unamended form, and amendments shall be treated as if the matter had never been on the Consent Calendar.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis 1976* (New York: General Convention, 1977), p. D-24.

**03 - Rules of Order**

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PROPOSER: House of Deputies President's Council of Advice  
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1 *Resolved*, That Rule of Order 6 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:  
2 6. The Secretary shall keep a Calendar of Business, on which shall be placed, in the order  
3 of their presentation, the subjects being briefly indicated, Orders of the Day, reports of  
4 Committees, Resolutions which lie over, and other matters undisposed of. The Secretary  
5 shall also keep a Consent Calendar, which shall be published daily and distributed to the  
6 members before the convening of the House on each legislative day, and designate it as a  
7 separate calendar. Matters shall be listed on the Consent Calendar in separate groupings,  
8 according to the date that they have been placed thereon. All matters to which  
9 amendments have been proposed by a Committee shall be so designated. No debate is in  
10 order regarding any matter appearing on the Consent Calendar. However, the President  
11 shall allow a reasonable time for questions from the floor and answers to those questions.  
12 No amendment other than an amendment contained in a Committee report is in order  
13 regarding any matter on the Consent Calendar. Any amendments contained in Committee  
14 reports on such matters shall be deemed adopted unless the matter is objected to and  
15 removed from the Consent Calendar. Immediately prior to a vote on the first matter on  
16 the Consent Calendar the President shall call to the attention of the members the fact that  
17 the next vote will be on the first matter pending on the Consent Calendar. Matters  
18 appearing on the Consent Calendar shall be taken up immediately following the noon  
19 recess of the next legislative day following their placement on the Consent Calendar, or  
20 otherwise by unanimous consent or by adoption of a special order of business. A matter  
21 may be placed on the Consent Calendar by report of a Legislative Committee, if the  
22 Committee vote to report the matter with a recommendation for adoption, with or without  
23 amendments, or for discharge, or referral to ~~a Joint or Standing Commission~~ *an Interim*  
24 *Body or Executive Council*, or for rejection, was by three fourths of the members present  
25 and if the Committee recommends placement of the matter on the Consent Calendar.  
26 Prior to a vote on final passage of any matter appearing on the Consent Calendar, it shall  
27 be removed from the Consent Calendar if (1) any three Lay or Clerical deputations, or (2)  
28 the sponsor of the matter, or (3) the Committee on Dispatch of Business files with the  
29 Secretary written objections to the presence of the matter on the Consent Calendar. Any  
30 matter so removed may not be placed thereafter on the Consent Calendar but shall be  
31 restored to the Daily Calendar. Any matter removed from the Consent Calendar, to which  
32 amendments have been proposed by a Committee, shall stand on the Daily Calendar ~~in its~~  
33 ~~original, unamended form~~, *as reported by the Legislative Committee*, and ~~amendments~~  
34 shall be treated as if the matter had never been on the Consent Calendar.  
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EXPLANATION:  
To clarify and correct process.