# Rules of Order for the Sixth Sierran Assembly

## Rule I. Floor Leadership

- A. The Lieutenant Governor
  - a. The Lieutenant Governor shall be the President of the Assembly
    - i. The President of the Assembly shall have the following abilities:
      - 1. to break all ties occuring on the Assembly floor,
      - 2. rule on points of order
- B. The Speaker of the Assembly
  - a. The Speaker of the Assembly shall be selected by a simple majority vote prior to the beginning of the Assembly session
    - i. The Speaker of the Assembly shall have the following abilities:
      - 1. to reorder the order of any bill, resolution, or amendment on the Assembly docket,
      - 2. rush bills, resolutions, or amendments to a vote or amendment period,
      - 3. **META STRUCK** set the period allotted for amendment proposals and floor votes. **META STRUCK**
      - 4. table a bill, resolution, or amendment with the joint consent of the Minority Leader of the Assembly,
      - 5. end a filibuster on a bill, resolution, or amendment with the joint consent of the Minority Leader of the Assembly
      - act as the President Pro Tempore of the Assembly in the case of a vacancy in the Lieutenant Governorship, whereupon the Speaker shall assume all responsibilities of the Presidency of the Assembly until such time as the Presidency of the Assembly is filled
- C. The Minority Leader of the Assembly
  - a. The Minority Leader of the Assembly shall be selected by having the secondary most amount of votes for Speaker of the Assembly
    - i. The Minority Leader of the Assembly shall have the following abilities:
      - 1. table a bill, resolution, or amendment with the joint consent of the Speaker of the Assembly,
      - 2. end a filibuster on a bill, resolution, or amendment with the joint consent of the Speaker of the Assembly
      - 3. appoint at least one individual to any special committee formed by the Assembly as a result of any bill, resolution, or amendment
  - b. The Minority Leader of the Assembly, upon vacancy for any reason, shall fall to the senior-most member of the minority political party of the Assembly

- A. The following motions shall be employable by all Assemblypersons, except for individuals acting as President of the Assembly:
  - A motion to consider, wherein an Assemblyperson will specify a bill on the docket to be rushed to the floor for consideration, shall require the consent of a majority of the Assembly
  - b. A motion to table, wherein a bill on the floor shall be placed back on the docket, shall require the consent of two-thirds of the Assembly
  - c. A motion to suspend the rules and pass unanimously, wherein an Assemblyperson shall specify a bill on the docket to be passed instantaneously, shall require the consent of the entire Assembly
  - d. A motion to subpoena, wherein an Assemblyperson shall specify an individual or records to appear before or be sent to the Assembly, shall require the consent of a majority of the Assembly
  - e. A motion to clarify, wherein a specific rule cited by an Assemblyperson shall be explained by the President of the Assembly, shall require the consent of no additional Assemblypersons
  - f. A motion to appeal to the President of the Assembly, wherein an Assemblyperson shall ask that the President of the Assembly to rule on a question as it relates to these rules, shall require the consent of no additional Assemblyperson
  - g. A motion to amend, wherein an Assemblyperson shall propose a change to a bill on the floor by specifying the changes to be made, shall require the consent of a majority of the Assembly
    - No amendment which significantly alters a piece and the meaning thereof, or hinders the implementation of the same, shall be accepted by the Assembly
- B. All motions shall be made in a public space, and shall expire three days following the creation of said motion, provided the motion does not meet the requisite number of votes
- C. Assemblypersons shall not be penalized for failing to vote on motions, and a failure to vote shall be considered a vote in the negative

#### Rule III. Docket

A. The Speaker shall have total control over the docket, provided a piece is not affected by a motion or is not labelled as Executive Business

## Rule IV. Executive Business

- A. All nominations proposed by the Governor or their cabinet shall be categorized as Executive Business
  - a. Legislation submitted by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, or his Cabinet shall not be considered Executive Business

B. Executive Business shall be heard and considered with all due promptness, provided said Business is not tabled by the legislature, and shall be heard alongside regular business, but neither shall impede the other

## Rule V. Assembly Floor

A. The Assembly shall be open biweekly, on both Mondays and Fridays, for speeches on any topic by any citizen of the State of Sierra

#### Rule VI. Recaucus and Amendment of the Rules

## A. To recaucus

 a. A motion to recaucus, wherein an Assemblyperson will reopen the procedures for selection of a Speaker and Minority Leader of the Assembly as per Rule IBa and Rule ICa, shall require the consent of a majority of the Assembly

### B. To amend

 a. A motion to amend, wherein an Assemblyperson shall propose a change to the Rules of Order of the Assembly by specifying the changes to be made, shall require the consent of two-thirds of the Assembly

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