

# Rule Seven

## AMENDMENTS

7.1—Amendments shall be filed with the Secretary on forms prescribed by him and supplied by the Sergeant at Arms but shall be considered only as sponsors gain recognition from the President to move their adoption, except that the chairman of the committee (or, in his absence, the vice chairman or any member thereof) reporting the measure under consideration shall have preference for the presentation of committee amendments. An amendment shall be deemed pending only after its sponsor has been recognized by the President and has moved its adoption. Amendments which have been filed with the Secretary of the Senate, the adoption of which has not been formally moved, shall not be deemed to be pending. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

General form;  
Manner of  
consideration

7.2—Amendments may be adopted, on second reading of a measure, by a majority vote and on third reading by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote. Corrective amendments to the title, after perfection of the body, may be decided, without debate, by a majority vote on third reading.

Adoption

7.3—An amendment to a pending amendment may be received, but until it is disposed of, no other motion to amend will be in order, except a substitute amendment or an amendment to the substitute. Such amendments are to be disposed of in the following order: (1) Amendments to the amendment are acted upon before the substitute is taken up. Only one amendment to the amendment is in order. (2) Amendments to the substitute are next voted on. (3) The substitute then is voted on. The adoption of a substitute amendment in lieu of an original amendment shall be treated and considered as an amendment of the bill itself.

Sequence  
of amendments  
to amendments

7.4—A proposal to strike out all after the enacting clause or the resolving clause of a bill or joint resolution and insert new matter of the same general subject as stated in the original title, shall be deemed proper

Striking all  
after enacting  
clause

and germane and shall be treated as an amendment.

7.5—The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendment of that section. If a bill or joint resolution is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be in order. The President shall, in recognizing Senators for the purpose of moving the adoption of amendments, endeavor to cause all amendments to Section 1 to be considered first, then all those to Section 2, and so on. After all sections have been considered separately, the whole bill or joint resolution shall be open for amendment.

7.6—All amendments adopted by the Senate shall be printed in the Journal except that an amendment to the general appropriations bill constituting an entirely new bill shall not be printed until the filing of the conference committee report. All item amendments to the general appropriations bill shall be printed.

7.7—Any House bill or resolution may be amended in the same manner as a Senate bill or resolution. If a House bill or joint resolution is amended, the same shall be noted by the Secretary on the jacket containing same before it is reported to the House.

7.8—After the reading of a House amendment to a Senate bill or joint resolution, the Senate may: (1) amend the House amendment by a concurrence of the majority required for the final passage of the measure, or (2) concur in the House amendment by a concurrence of the same majority required for the final passage of the measure, or (3) refuse by the majority required to concur and ask the House to recede.

7.9—If the House shall refuse to concur in a Senate amendment to a House bill or joint resolution, the following motions shall be in order and shall be privileged in the order named: (1) that the Senate recede, or (2) that the Senate insist and ask for a conference committee, or (3) that the Senate insist.