

RULE #1

The Speaker shall take the Chair on each legislative day at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned, call the members to order, and upon the presence of a quorum, proceed to business. The Journal of the preceding day shall be corrected, approved by the Speaker, attested by the Chief Clerk and filed in the permanent records of the House. The Speaker shall sign all Acts, Resolutions, Writs, Warrants and Subpoenas of, or directed to be issued by, the House. He shall have general control of the Hall of the House and its corridors and passages, and, in event of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries or lobby, cause the same to be cleared. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise directed by the House. He shall have authority to dismiss any appointed employee and the pay of such employee shall stop on the day of dismissal. He shall rise to address the House, or to put a question, but may read sitting. In all oral roll call votes the Speaker's name shall be called last. He shall have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond adjournment. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Speaker during his absence or disability.

SOURCE: Rules 1, 5, 6, 7 & 8 of 1951 Rules - Consolidated, No Changes.