

1 **Proposed Rule for Consideration of the Proposal**

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5 **Explanation—Proposal for Reporting to the Thirty-fourth General Assembly**

6 The Committee recommends that the Assembly hear the Committee’s report for up to one
7 hour under the rules for “informal consideration” (*Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 2000
8 ed., pp. 523-25), with the adoption of a rule (2/3 vote required) that under informal consideration
9 no motions with respect to the recommendations or the report are in order. During informal
10 consideration the Committee will review its report, respond to questions, and lead in discussion
11 of the recommendations *seriatim*. The conclusion of informal consideration shall be at the end of
12 the hour, or upon adoption, by a majority vote, of a motion “that the question be considered
13 formally.” In the Committee’s judgment this procedure will afford commissioners the fullest
14 possible understanding of the various proposals and their ramifications before being asked to
15 vote.

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17 **Proposed Rule for Consideration of Proposed Changes to RAO**

18 With respect to the rule changes proposed, the Committee is proposing that the Assembly
19 adopt a number of amendments to “Rules of Assembly Operation” in one “package”. These are
20 carefully framed proposals, the fruit of hours of study, deliberation and principled compromise,
21 and in our judgment each of the parts is integral to the whole. Thus we are recommending that,
22 after extensive opportunity for Assembly discussion and deliberation, the “package” be adopted
23 without amendment, or be recommitted to the Committee for further study and recommendation.

24 Throughout our study we have sought the counsel of any and all who had insight to aid us
25 in our task, and have benefited much from those who were willing to respond. The Committee
26 does not now suppose that its work is perfect, and our procedural recommendation is not
27 grounded in any such presumption. Since our procedural recommendation, if adopted, will
28 preclude amendment from the floor, we want to give a final opportunity for commissioners to
29 offer advice for the perfection of the Committee’s report.

30 Therefore, if commissioners discover portions of this “package” that are in need of
31 adjustment or correction, the Committee urges that recommendations be submitted in writing to
32 the chairman of the Committee, either by mail, or at the pre-Assembly informational meeting
33 concerning the Committee’s report. Immediately after that seminar, the Committee will meet to
34 consider any proposed corrections, so that the “package” recommendation can reflect the fullest
35 consideration possible, consistent with the need, in the Committee’s judgment, to preserve the
36 essential characteristics of those parts that are integral to the whole.

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