

HOUSE No. 3999

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 10, 2007.

The committee on Rules, reports, under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C, that the accompanying order relative to procedures for consideration of the General Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 2008 (House, No. 3999) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

ANGELO M. SCACCIA.

Filed by Mr. Scaccia of Boston. As amended by the House and adopted on April 10, 2007.

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

1 *Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of any rule to the
2 contrary, amendments to the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal
3 Year 2008 shall be filed with the Clerk of the House in electronic
4 format to be determined by the Clerk as directed by the Speaker;
5 provided that the clerk shall notify by electronic communication the
6 primary sponsor of each amendment of the receipt of such amend-
7 ment and the number assigned by said Clerk to the amendment; pro-
8 vided further that the Clerk shall print each amendment so filed
9 electronically; and such printed copy shall be considered to be the
10 official amendment; and be it further

11 *Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12,
12 the Clerk be directed to print a Calendar for the House Session held
13 on Monday April 23, 2007, containing only the General Appropria-
14 tion Bill for Fiscal Year 2008; and be it further,

15 *Ordered*, That notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 20B,
16 any amendment to the General Appropriation Bill relative to
17 enhancing or reducing revenue may only be considered prior to the
18 third reading of said bill to be in order; provided however, that any
19 such amendment appropriating, earmarking or otherwise segregating
20 revenue shall not be in order; provided that, all other amendments
21 shall only be considered subsequent to the third reading of said bill;
22 and be it further,

23 *Ordered*, That, no amendment to the General Appropriation Bill
24 for Fiscal Year 2008 relative to casino gaming, slot machines or
25 video gaming shall be in order; provided however, any provisions
26 concerning gaming activities currently authorized under Chapter 10
27 of the General Laws shall be considered in order, and be it further,

28 *Ordered*, That, no amendment to Section 3 of the General Approp-
29 priation Bill shall be in order, and be it further,

30 *Ordered*, That, except for consolidated amendments offered by
31 the committee on Ways and Means, no proposition on a subject dif-
32 ferent from the amendment under consideration shall be admitted
33 under color of a further amendment; and be it further

34 *Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20A, any
35 amendment removed by a member from a consolidated amendment
36 shall be offered as an amendment to the budget, to be acted upon in
37 the first degree before action is taken on the consolidated amend-
38 ment, except that any amendment so removed from the consolidated
39 amendment may be moved by the committee on Ways and Means
40 from one subject category to another in this annual appropriation
41 bill; and be it further

42 *Ordered*, That, any amendment not complying with the provisions
43 of the special rules of procedure stated herein shall be considered
44 withdrawn; provided that any such amendments shall be published
45 as part of the amendment list published by the committee on Ways
46 and Means; and be it further

47 *Ordered*, That notwithstanding any provision of this Order or the
48 rules of the House to the contrary, no consolidated amendment to the
49 General Appropriation Act offered by the committee on ways and
50 means shall be considered by the House until the expiration of at
51 least thirty minutes after the consolidated amendment shall have
52 been first filed with the Clerk and made available to the members.