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Conference Committee Options for House Bills

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Stage of Proceedings	Possible Actions	Results
1. Consideration of Senate amendments Rules HR 36 JR 4	House concurs in Senate amendments, readopts bill	Bill delivered to Governor
	House rejects Senate amendments, adheres to House position	Senate recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
		Senate adheres; bill dies
	House rejects Senate amendments, requests conference committee (CC)	House and Senate appoint conferees
2. Conference committee appointed, meets Rules HR 36(c) JR 5 JR 6(a)	Prior to consideration of CC report: House votes to recede, readopt bill	Bill delivered to Governor
	Prior to consideration of CC report: House votes to adhere	Senate recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
		Senate adheres; bill dies

Stage of Proceedings	Possible Actions	Results
	Prior to delivery of CC report: Senate votes to recede, readopt bill	Bill delivered to Governor
	Prior to delivery of CC report: Senate votes to adhere	House recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
		House adheres; bill dies
Note: After one day of actual session following the referral of a bill to CC, either chamber, by majority vote, can demand that the CC meet within 2 days after the demand; except that within the last 5 days of session, the CC must meet on the same day as the demand. If the CC doesn't meet, the CC is discharged and the chambers may appoint a second CC, or either chamber may adhere. (JR 7)		
Rules HR 36(c) JR 6(b)	Senate votes to adhere	House recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
		House adheres; bill dies
	Senate votes to recede, readopt bill	Bill delivered to Governor
	Senate rejects CC report, dissolves 1st CC, appoints 2nd CC (Note: Can only have 2 CCs max.)	House agrees, appoints 2nd CC (Return to Stage #2)
		House does not agree to 2nd CC; Senate may: 1. adhere; 2. recede, readopt bill; or 3. reconsider rejection, adopt report
		(By next day of actual session)

Stage of Proceedings	Possible Actions	Results
		House recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
	Senate adopts CC report, readopts bill	Bill delivered to House for action
Rules JR 6(c)	House votes to adhere	Senate reconsiders adoption of CC report, recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
		Senate does not reconsider adoption of CC report; bill dies
	House votes to recede, readopt bill	Senate reconsiders adoption of CC report, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
	House rejects CC report, appoints 2nd CC	(No later than next day of actual session) Senate reconsiders adoption of CC report, appoints 2nd CC (Return to Stage #2)
		Senate does not agree to 2nd CC; House may: 1. adhere; 2. recede, readopt bill; or 3. reconsider rejection, adopt report
	House adopts CC report, readopts bill	Bill delivered to Governor

Outline Format

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1. **Consideration of Senate amendments** — Rules HR 36, JR 4
 - a. House concurs in Senate amendments, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
 - b. House rejects Senate amendments, adheres to House position
 - i. Senate recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
 - ii. Senate adheres; bill dies
 - c. House rejects Senate amendments, requests conference committee (CC)
 - i. House and Senate appoint conferees
2. **Conference committee appointed, meets** — Rules HR 36(c), JR 5, JR 6(a)
 - a. Prior to consideration of CC report:
 - i. House votes to recede, readopt bill; Bill delivered to Governor
 - ii. House votes to adhere
 1. Senate recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
 2. Senate adheres; bill dies
 - b. Prior to delivery of CC report:
 - i. Senate votes to recede, readopt bill; Bill delivered to Governor
 - ii. Senate votes to adhere
 1. House recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
 2. House adheres; bill dies
 - c. **Note:** After one day of actual session following the referral of a bill to CC, either chamber, by majority vote, can demand that the CC meet within 2 days after the demand; except that within the last 5 days of session, the CC must meet on the same day as the demand. If the CC doesn't meet, the CC is discharged and the chambers may appoint a second CC, or either chamber may adhere. (JR 7)
3. **CC report delivered to Senate** — Rules HR 36(c), JR 6(b)
 - a. Senate votes to adhere
 - i. House recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
 - ii. House adheres; bill dies
 - b. Senate votes to recede, readopt bill; Bill delivered to Governor
 - c. Senate rejects CC report, dissolves 1st CC, appoints 2nd CC (Note: Can only have 2 CCs max.)
 - i. House agrees, appoints 2nd CC (Return to Stage #2)
 - ii. House does not agree to 2nd CC; Senate may:
 1. Adhere;
 2. Recede, readopt bill; or
 3. Reconsider rejection, adopt report
 - iii. (By next day of actual session) House recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
 - d. Senate adopts CC report, readopts bill; Bill delivered to House for action
4. **CC report adopted by Senate, delivered to House** — Rule JR 6(c)
 - a. House votes to adhere
 - i. Senate reconsiders adoption of CC report, recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor

- ii. Senate does not reconsider adoption of CC report; bill dies
- b. House votes to recede, readopt bill; Senate reconsiders adoption of CC report, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
- c. House rejects CC report, appoints 2nd CC
 - i. (No later than next day of actual session) Senate reconsiders adoption of CC report, appoints 2nd CC (Return to Stage #2)
 - ii. Senate does not agree to 2nd CC; House may:
 - 1. Adhere;
 - 2. Recede, readopt bill; or
 - 3. Reconsider rejection, adopt report
- d. House adopts CC report, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor