

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

H.R. 17

House resolution relating to extending the time-limited hybrid operation of the House of Representatives and House committees and to House Rules Committee meeting authority

Offered by: Committee on Rules

Whereas, 2022, H.R. 16 authorized through Tuesday, February 15, 2022 the hybrid operation of the House of Representatives and House committees and the remote operation of the House Rules Committee, and

Whereas, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a risk to the health and safety of House members, legislative staff, and members of the public, and

Whereas, the House of Representatives wants to ensure a safe process in returning to in-person legislating, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the House of Representatives shall continue to operate in a hybrid manner, whereby House members shall debate and vote in the House chamber but may do so through remote participation if the member must be absent from the chamber due to symptomatic illness or direct COVID-19-related circumstances, *and be it further*

Resolved: That House committees shall continue to operate in a hybrid manner, such that a member of a House committee may debate and vote remotely in their committee if the member confirms with the member's committee chair that the member must be absent from committee due to symptomatic illness or direct COVID-19-related circumstances, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Committee on Rules is authorized to meet remotely as necessary to address COVID-19-related matters that may impact the operation of the House and its committees, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the hybrid and remote authority set forth in this resolution shall remain in effect through Tuesday, March 8, 2022.