

State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Resolution

By the Committee on Rules,

S.R. 9. Senate resolution relating to extending concurrently conducted electronic session and committee meetings.

Whereas, it is critical to take steps to control outbreaks of COVID-19 to minimize the risk to the public, maintain the health and safety of Vermonters and limit the spread of infection in our community;

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Vermont issued a Declaration of State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19;

Whereas, Permanent Senate Rule 9A permits the Rules Committee to authorize sessions of the Senate during a declared emergency be concurrently conducted electronically; and

Whereas, Permanent Senate Rule 32A permits the Rules Committee to authorize committee meetings during a declared emergency be concurrently conducted electronically; and

Whereas, Governor Phillip B. Scott declared state of emergency currently expires at midnight on April 15, 2021;

Whereas, it may be necessary for sessions of the Senate and committees of the Senate to continue with concurrently conducted electronic sessions and committee meetings subsequent to the expiration of the Governor's declared emergency; *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate:

Notwithstanding the language in Permanent Senate Rules 9A and 32A regarding their applicability during Declarations of Emergency, the provisions of Permanent Senate Rules 9A and 32A regarding Senate sessions and committee meetings shall remain in effect until the later of: (1) the termination of the Governor's Declaration of State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19 or January 7, 2022.