

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

H.R. 4

House resolution relating to standing committees

Offered by: Representatives Long of Newfane, McCoy of Poultney, and Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body amends Rule 25 of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives as follows:

25. At the beginning of each regular session, standing committees shall be appointed having the following names, number of members, and duties:

Committee	Members	To Consider Matters Relating to
Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry	8 <u>11</u>	Agriculture and , <u>food resiliency, climate change mitigation and adaptation</u> , forestry, <u>and forest products and their markets, and state State parks and lands, and other similar policies.</u>
Appropriations	11 <u>12</u>	Appropriating money from the state treasury State Treasury.
Commerce and Economic Development	11	Business organizations, including banking, insurance, corporations, workforce <u>Workforce development and training programs, business development and formations, financial institutions, property and casualty, life, and captive insurance, securities, unemployment and workers' compensation insurance, and the industrial and internal development of the state, but excluding matters relating to transportation, utilities, telecommunications, and energy consumer protection, and other similar policies.</u>
Corrections and Institutions	11	Department of corrections and public buildings, state lands and property <u>Vermont's State bonding as it relates to the financing of State-owned properties, State preservation initiatives, climate change mitigation, and water quality; and the Department of Corrections' role in the criminal justice system, and other similar policies.</u>

Education	11 <u>12</u>	The educational needs of Vermonters, including the arts <u>Education</u>, libraries, and literary and scientific subjects; the amount of revenue required to satisfy the educational needs; and the manner of raising necessary revenue, and other similar policies.
<u>Environment and Energy and Technology</u>	9 <u>11</u>	Energy, including the regulation of power generation, transmission facilities, energy efficiency, natural gas facilities, and siting of energy facilities; utilities, including rates and quality of service; telecommunications, siting of telecommunications facilities, the buildout of cellular and <u>Conservation and development, climate change mitigation, energy, broadband services, and rates and quality of service; and the state's information technology systems, land resources, air, water, and wildlife, and other similar policies.</u>
General, and Housing, and Military Affairs	11 <u>12</u>	Alcoholic beverages, housing, claims against the state <u>Housing</u>, labor relations, military matters including those relating to civil defense and discharged veterans, their dependents and survivors <u>equity and inclusion</u>, and all matters relating to subjects for which there is no other appropriate committee.
<u>Government Operations and Military Affairs</u>	11 <u>12</u>	<u>Organization</u> The structure, <u>organization</u>, and oversight and conduct of state <u>State</u>, local, county, and regional government, compensation of state officials and employees, pensions, law enforcement, <u>the administration of public safety, reapportionment, municipal corporations, suffrage, nominations compensation and retirement benefits for public officials and employees, elections and the election of members; local, county, and regional governmental structures; relations between state and local governments; liquor and lottery, municipal corporations, military affairs, public records and open meeting issues meetings, and public records issues technology and cybersecurity, reapportionment, and other similar policies.</u>
Health Care	11	<u>Health Physical and mental health care, health equity, health insurance, health care delivery improvement, and other similar policies.</u>
Human Services	11	<u>Human Services, public health and social and economic security <u>Improving the well-being of individuals, children, and families, and other similar policies.</u></u>
Judiciary	11	<u>Judiciary and legal affairs <u>Civil rights and civil liberties, the criminal and civil justice systems, violence prevention and public safety, and other similar policies.</u></u>

Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife	11	Conservation and development of the state's water resources; conservation and development of lands; land resources; land use; geology; fish and wildlife; natural habitats; air quality; environmental permitting; climate change; scenery; and solid waste and toxic substances management.
Rules (Consisting of the Speaker, who shall be chair ex officio; three members of the majority party, the leader, the assistant leader, and one member at large elected by the majority party; and three members from the minority party, the leader, assistant leader, and one member at large elected by the minority party. The Speaker shall designate a Vice-Chair who shall be ranking member.)	7	The rules of the House and to expediting the business of the House, including the final adjournment thereof.
Transportation	11	All transportation companies and corporations subject to the regulation of the Public Utility Commission, all air and surface transportation, the registration, regulation, and licensing of transportation operations and users, the construction and maintenance of thoroughfares, and the impact of the transportation sector on air pollution and climate change, and other similar policies.
Ways and Means	11 <u>12</u>	The revenue of the state <u>State</u> , and which shall inquire into the state of the treasury; ascertain the amount of debt due the state, and the claims against it; report the amount of taxes necessary to be raised for the support of the government and inquire what measures, if any, ought to be adopted, the better to equalize the public burdens, secure the accountability of public agents, and otherwise improve the financial concerns of the state <u>State</u> , including all matters relating to taxation, local or otherwise, and all matters relating to the grand list, <u>and other similar policies.</u>