

Committee Motions for Committee Bills and Committee Reports

Committees use a variety of motions to vote legislation out of their committee. What follows are examples of common committee motions.

Note that a committee can only vote out a committee report on a bill in its possession (ie., the bill has been referred or committed to the committee).¹ Note also that technically, motions with amendments are slightly different based on whether it is a **House Bill** or **Senate Bill**.²

If there are situations not addressed in these common committee motions, please reach out the House Clerk's Office (HCO) anytime if you need help!

A. Committee Bill

Motion: I move that we approve [*bill draft #*] for introduction.

B. Favorable Committee Report

Motion: I move that we report [*bill #*] favorably.

C. Favorable with Amendment Committee Report

(1) – House Bill

1st motion: I move that we approve [*amendment draft #*] to [*bill #*].

2nd motion: I move that we report [*bill #*] favorable with amendment.³

(2) – Senate Bill

1st motion: I move that we approve [*amendment draft #*] to [*bill #*].

2nd motion: I move that we report [*bill #*] favorable with proposal of amendment.

¹ Otherwise, a committee may take a “straw poll” vote.

² This is because the House can amend a House bill, but can only *propose to amend* a Senate bill. [House Rule 58](#).

³ When there are two votes (#1 approving an amendment; #2 reporting a bill favorable with that amendment), it is always the 2nd vote that the Bill Reporter needs to provide to HCO, and it is this vote that appears in the Calendar.

**D. Committee Report that is
Favorable as Recommended by Another Committee⁴**

(1) – House Bill

Motion: I move that we report [bill #] favorable as recommended by the Committee on [X].

(2) – Senate Bill

Motion: I move that we report [bill #] favorable with the proposal of amendment recommended by the Committee on [X].

**E. Favorable with Amendment Committee Report, Recommending Amendments in
Addition to Those Recommended by Another Committee(s)⁵**

(1) – House Bill

1st motion: I move that we approve [amendment draft #] to [bill #].

2nd motion: I move that we report [bill #] favorable as recommended by the Committees on [X] and [Y] with further amendment thereto.

(2) – Senate Bill

1st motion: I move that we approve [amendment draft #] to [bill #].

2nd motion: I move that we report [bill #] favorable with the proposal(s) of amendment recommended by the Committees on [X] and [Y] with further proposal of amendment thereto.

⁴ For ex., this motion may be used by the Committee on Appropriations (HAC) when it agrees with the Committee on Ways and Means' (HW&M) *favorable with amendment* committee report and HAC does not recommend any other amendments. Technically, for HAC, this would be a *favorable* committee report. But on the Calendar, since HW&M recommended amendment, the bill would be listed under a **Favorable with Amendment** heading.

⁵ While these are the motions, if Committee #2 is actually recommending an amendment to the report of Committee #1, the amendment's lead-in would indicate that Committee #2 recommends an amendment to the report of Committee #1.