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1	HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1
2	INTRODUCED BY ****
3	BY REQUEST OF THE ****
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5	A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ADOPTING THE
6	HOUSE RULES.
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8	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
9	MONTANA:
10	That the following House Rules be adopted:
11	RULES OF THE MONTANA
12	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13	CHAPTER 1
14	Administration
15	H10-10. House officers definitions. (1) House officers include a Speaker, a Speaker pro tempore,
16	majority and minority leaders, and majority and minority whips.
17	(2) A majority of representatives voting elects the Speaker and Speaker pro tempore from the House
18	membership. A majority of each caucus voting nominates House members to the remaining offices, and those
19	nominees are considered to have been elected by a majority vote of the House.
20	(3) (a) "Majority leader" means the leader of the majority party, elected by the caucus.
21	(b) "Majority party" means the party with the most members, subject to subsection (4).
22	(c) "Minority leader" means the leader of the minority party, elected by the caucus.
23	(d) "Minority party" means the party with the second most members, subject to subsection (4).
24	(4) If there are an equal number of members of the two parties with the most members, then the
25	majority party is the party of the Speaker and the minority party is the other party with an equal number of
26	members.
27	H10-20. Speaker's duties. (1) The Speaker is the presiding officer of the House, with authority for

administration, order, decorum, and the interpretation and enforcement of rules in all House deliberations.

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H20-80. Violation of rules procedure appeal. (1) If a member, in speaking or otherwise, violates
the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or the majority or minority leader may, call the member to order, in
which case the member called to order must be seated immediately.
(2) The member called to order may move for an appeal to the House and if the motion is seconded by
two members, the matter must be submitted to the House for determination by majority vote. The motion is
nondebatable.
(3) If the decision of the House is in favor of the member called to order, the member may proceed. If
the decision is against the member, the member may not proceed.
(4) If a member is called to order, the matter may be referred to the Rules Committee by the minority or
majority leader. The Committee may recommend to the House that the member be censured or be subject to
other action. Censure consists of an official public reprimand of a member for inappropriate behavior. The
House shall act upon the recommendation of the Committee.
CHAPTER 3
Committees
H30-05. Interim committee appointments. (1) The Speaker shall, with the approval of the House by a
majority vote, appoint the membership of interim committees no later than April 1 during a regular session of
the legislature 10 legislative days before the scheduled 90th legislative day or 3 legislative days prior to
adjournment sine die if before the 90th legislative day.
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