

Assembly Resolution No. 493

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AMENDING section 6 of Rule V and section 10 of Rule IV of the Assembly rules, in relation to the consideration of bills

RESOLVED, That subdivision b of section 6 of Rule V of the Assembly Rules is amended to read as follows:

b. Unless otherwise provided by these Rules, no member shall speak, except in his or her place, nor more than [twice] **once** on any bill or amendment, without leave of the House and no member shall speak for more than fifteen minutes [at a time] except by consent of two-thirds of the members present[;]. **The floor leader of each conference or his or her designee may be granted a second, additional fifteen minutes to speak during the debate on any bill or amendment. Consideration of any bill and amendment shall not exceed five hours; with four hours allocated for debate and up to one hour allocated for explanations of vote;** provided, however that a member desiring to explain his or her vote upon the final passage of a bill or upon the passage of a resolution requiring the expenditure of money may make a brief statement, not to exceed two minutes, in explanation of such vote; and further provided that in addition to the foregoing, the sponsor of a bill may make a statement not to exceed five minutes for the purpose of opening debate on such bill. Except as otherwise provided by these Rules for concurrent resolutions, no member shall speak more than once and for no more than five minutes on any resolution without leave of the House. **Debate on any resolution, except as otherwise provided, shall be limited to thirty minutes. Members may be granted permission to submit a written statement to extend upon their remarks on the floor for the record; such remarks must comply in all respects with the rules and customs and practices of the House relating to debate to be included in the record.**

RESOLVED, That subparagraph (d) of paragraph 1 of subdivision b of section 10 of Rule IV of the Assembly Rules is amended to read as follows:

(d) the review of each message of necessity issued by the Governor pursuant to Article III of the Constitution and the ordering of a bill to a special order of second and third reading for which any such message has been issued[; provided, however that prior to the ordering of a

bill for second and third reading, such message must be accepted by an affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the Committee on Rules];