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## Conference Committee Options for Senate Bills

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Stage of Proceedings	Possible Actions	Results
1. Consideration of House amendments  <b>Rules</b> SR 19 JR 4	Senate concurs in House amendments, readopts bill	Bill delivered to Governor
	Senate rejects House amendments, adheres to Senate position	House recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
		House adheres; bill dies
	Senate rejects House amendments, requests conference committee (CC)	Senate and House appoint conferees
2. Conference committee appointed, meets  <b>Rules</b> JR 5 JR 6(a)	Prior to consideration of CC report:  Senate votes to recede, readopt bill	Bill delivered to Governor
	Prior to consideration of CC report:  Senate votes to adhere	House recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
		House adheres; bill dies

	Prior to delivery of CC report:  House votes to recede, readopt bill	Bill delivered to Governor
	Prior to delivery of CC report:  House votes to adhere	Senate recedes, readopts bill;  Bill delivered to Governor
		Senate adheres; bill dies
<b>Note:</b> After one day of actual session following the referral of a bill to CC, either chamber, by majority vote, can demand that the CC meet within 2 days after the demand; except that within the last 5 days of session, the CC must meet on the same day as the demand. If the CC doesn't meet, the CC is discharged and the chambers may appoint a second CC, or either chamber may adhere. (JR 7)		
3. CC report delivered to House  <b>Rules</b>  JR 6(b)	House votes to adhere	Senate recedes, readopts bill;  Bill delivered to Governor
		Senate adheres; bill dies
	House votes to recede, readopt bill	Bill delivered to Governor
	House rejects CC report, dissolves 1st CC, appoints 2nd CC  (Note: Can only have 2 CCs max.)	Senate agrees, appoints 2nd CC  (Return to Stage #2)
		Senate does not agree to 2nd CC; House may:  1. adhere;  2. recede, readopt bill; or  3. reconsider rejection, adopt report
	House adopts report, readopts bill	Bill delivered to Senate for action
4. CC report adopted by	Senate votes to adhere	House reconsiders adoption of CC

House, delivered to Senate  <b>Rules</b>  JR 6(c)		report, recedes, readopts bill;  Bill delivered to Governor
		House does not reconsider adoption of CC report; bill dies
	Senate votes to recede, readopt bill	House reconsiders adoption of CC report, readopts bill;  Bill delivered to Governor
	Senate rejects CC report, appoints 2nd CC	(No later than next day of actual session)  House reconsiders adoption of CC report, appoints 2nd CC  (Return to Stage #2)
		House does not agree to 2nd CC; Senate may:  1. adhere;  2. recede, readopt bill; or  3. reconsider rejection, adopt report
	Senate adopts CC report, readopts bill	Bill delivered to Governor

# Outline Format

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1. **Consideration of House amendments** — Rules SR 19, JR 4
  - a. Senate concurs in House amendments, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
  - b. Senate rejects House amendments, adheres to Senate position
    - i. House recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
    - ii. House adheres; bill dies
  - c. Senate rejects House amendments, requests conference committee (CC); Senate and House appoint conferees
2. **Conference committee appointed, meets** — Rules JR 5, JR 6(a)
  - a. Prior to consideration of CC report:
    - i. Senate votes to recede, readopt bill; Bill delivered to Governor
    - ii. Senate votes to adhere
      1. House recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
      2. House adheres; bill dies
  - b. Prior to delivery of CC report:
    - i. House votes to recede, readopt bill; Bill delivered to Governor
    - ii. House votes to adhere
      1. Senate recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
      2. Senate adheres; bill dies
  - c. **Note:** After one day of actual session following the referral of a bill to CC, either chamber, by majority vote, can demand that the CC meet within 2 days after the demand; except that within the last 5 days of session, the CC must meet on the same day as the demand. If the CC doesn't meet, the CC is discharged and the chambers may appoint a second CC, or either chamber may adhere. (JR 7)
3. **CC report delivered to House** — Rule JR 6(b)
  - a. House votes to adhere
    - i. Senate recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
    - ii. Senate adheres; bill dies
  - b. House votes to recede, readopt bill; Bill delivered to Governor
  - c. House rejects CC report, dissolves 1st CC, appoints 2nd CC (Note: Can only have 2 CCs max.)
    - i. Senate agrees, appoints 2nd CC (Return to Stage #2)
    - ii. Senate does not agree to 2nd CC; House may:
      1. Adhere;
      2. Recede, readopt bill; or
      3. Reconsider rejection, adopt report
  - d. House adopts report, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Senate for action
4. **CC report adopted by House, delivered to Senate** — Rule JR 6(c)

- a. Senate votes to adhere
  - i. House reconsiders adoption of CC report, recedes, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
  - ii. House does not reconsider adoption of CC report; bill dies
- b. Senate votes to recede, readopt bill; House reconsiders adoption of CC report, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor
- c. Senate rejects CC report, appoints 2nd CC
  - i. (No later than next day of actual session) House reconsiders adoption of CC report, appoints 2nd CC (Return to Stage #2)
  - ii. House does not agree to 2nd CC; Senate may:
    - 1. Adhere;
    - 2. Recede, readopt bill; or
    - 3. Reconsider rejection, adopt report
- d. Senate adopts CC report, readopts bill; Bill delivered to Governor