

REPORT PROCEDURES FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2017)

The feedback on the usage of the consent recommendations and reports at General Assembly has been very positive. Commissioners found the handling of recommendations and reports by consent expedited the business of the General Assembly. More time was available to address issues that needed the attention of the Assembly.

Committees are asked to specify which recommendations should be offered by consent.

TYPE OF REPORTS

The following procedure will be available to committees in presenting their reports to the General Assembly:

Reports without recommendations

Reports without recommendations shall be adopted together as usual, early in the Assembly. Any commissioner wishing to discuss one of these reports may ask to have it placed on the agenda and that will be done.

Reports containing both consent and regular recommendations

These reports are scheduled to be discussed by the Assembly as usual. The first motion deals with all those recommendations that are suggested by the committee to be consent recommendations. Any commissioner may ask that any recommendation(s) be lifted from the list of consent items so that it might be discussed and voted on in the usual manner. The remaining recommendations are considered one by one.

Reports containing only consent recommendations

These reports are scheduled to be discussed by the Assembly as usual. The first motion asks that all the recommendations be adopted by the consent of the Assembly. Any commissioner may ask that any recommendation(s) be lifted from the list of consent items. If none of the recommendations is lifted, then the recommendations are adopted by vote on the first motion. If one or more of the recommendations are lifted from the consent items, they are dealt with in the usual manner after the remaining consent recommendations are considered together.

OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO A REPORT ON THE FLOOR OF ASSEMBLY

Any committee with a report without recommendations may ask for time on the floor of Assembly to speak to the report for information, and that will be provided. Inform the Assembly Office of this request by April 14, 2017.

In the case of any reports without recommendations that are pulled for discussion (see above), the convener will need to be ready to present the report when scheduled.