

RULE TWELVE

ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

12.1 - Motion to Adjourn or Recess

(a) When a motion to adjourn or recess is adopted, no Member or officer shall leave said Member's or officer's place until the adjournment or recess shall be declared by the Presiding Officer.

(b) When the House adjourns it shall be to 1:30 p.m. of the succeeding legislative day unless another day and/or hour be specifically named, which day and/or hour shall be entered in the Journal.

(c) A motion to adjourn or recess shall always be in order when the floor can be obtained for that purpose, and shall be decided without debate; provided, the Previous Question has not been ordered. When a vote is being taken, a motion to adjourn or recess shall not be in order. When it is apparent to the Presiding Officer that the motion to adjourn or recess is being made for the purpose of delay and such motion has been voted in the negative, within the next preceding ten (10) minutes, the Presiding Officer, in the discretion of the Presiding Officer, may rule the motion out of order as being dilatory.

(d) A legislative day shall be adjourned no later than 12:00 midnight of the calendar day that it began.

12.2 - Absence of a Quorum

In the absence of a quorum, the Speaker with three (3) Members shall be a sufficient number to adjourn.

12.3 - Sine Die Adjournment

The date and time of sine die adjournment of each Regular Session of the Legislature shall be fixed by motion or resolution. Once the date and time so fixed has arrived, no further business shall be conducted by the House and the Presiding Officer shall declare the House adjourned sine die.