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Calendars

A. INTRODUCTORY

§ 1. Calendars of the House

There are five legislative calendars in the House of Representatives. They are: (1) the Calendar of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union (Union Calendar); (2) the House Calendar; (3) the Calendar of the Committee of the Whole House (Private Calendar); (4) the Consent Calendar; and (5) the Calendar of Motions to Discharge Committees.⁽¹⁾ Rule XIII provides that there shall be three calendars for the reference of bills reported from committees: (1) a Calendar of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for “. . . bills raising revenue, general appropriation bills, and bills of a public character directly or indirectly appropriating money or property”; (2) a House Calendar for “. . . bills of a public character not raising revenue nor directly or indirectly appropriating money or property”; and

1. The calling up of motions to discharge committees is treated in Ch. 18, *supra*.

(3) a Calendar of the Committee of the Whole House for private bills.⁽²⁾

Favorably reported bills are referred to a calendar by the Speaker. Bills adversely reported from a committee are laid on the table unless request is made by the committee at the time or by a Member within three days that they be referred to a calendar.⁽³⁾ And bills favorably reported and referred to either the House or Union Calendars may be placed on the Consent Calendar under a notice procedure at the request of any Member.⁽⁴⁾

A point of order⁽⁵⁾ may be raised that a bill is on the wrong calendar when it is called up for consideration.⁽⁶⁾ However, such a point of order comes too late when consideration of a bill in question has begun.⁽⁷⁾

2. Rule XIII clause 1, *House Rules and Manual* § 742 (1981).

3. Rule XIII clause 2, *House Rules and Manual* § 744 (1981).

4. Rule XIII clause 4, *House Rules and Manual* § 746 (1981).

5. Generally, see Ch. 31, *infra*.

6. 6 Cannon's Precedents §§ 746, 747.

7. 7 Cannon's Precedents § 856.