



**SORC REPORT TO SENATE
Matter Referred to SORC
September 27, 2011**

At the September 12, 2011 meeting the Senate Operations Review Committee (SORC) reviewed the matter referred to it by Senate regarding the Rules of Procedure with reference to “Notice of Motion”.

At the May 25, 2011 Senate meeting, Senator Morelli questioned the procedure regarding notice for motions. Senate referred the matter to SORC (Motion- 11-41) asking the committee to review the Senate Rules of Procedures in reference to motions. It was determined based on SORC review of Article 13 that inclusion of motions in the agenda is an acceptable notice of motion for Senate. The “formal notice of motion” one or more months in advance should be utilized when a significant motion is to come to Senate as it allows members more time to review and discuss the matter prior to considering the item at Senate.

Current Wording Senate Rules of Procedure:

II. MOTIONS

13. Notice of Motion

All motions and resolutions shall be preceded by a notice of motion which is to be given in writing at a previous meeting of the Senate, or is to be submitted to the Secretary in time to be included in the agenda circulated before the next meeting. Otherwise motions and resolutions shall not be proceeded with, except with the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Senate present.

Although SORC felt that the proper procedures regarding notice of motion have been followed, it noted that a rewording of the Rules of Procedure to reverse the order of the two methods of providing notice of motion would be clearer and better reflect current practice. SORC will place this matter on its items deferred list and bring revised wording to Senate at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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