

7.11 - 4. (2009) NO REQUIREMENT FOR BILL SUMMARY FOR APPROPRIATION MEASURES

Rule – House Rule 7.11, paragraph (a) states in part:

All bills and resolutions whose adoption will have a fiscal impact, including the affecting of revenues, expenditures or fiscal liability shall not be scheduled for floor consideration unless accompanied by a bill summary which shall include a fiscal analysis...

History – During consideration of the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 81, Representative Reynolds raised a point of inquiry as to whether consideration of the conference committee report should be postponed since no accompanying fiscal analysis had been published on the House Floor Calendar. The presiding officer stated that it has been the practice of the House not to require a published fiscal analysis for appropriation measures since the fiscal impact of the measure is plain on its face.¹

Ruling – It is the ruling of the Chair that appropriation measures are not required to be accompanied by a published fiscal analysis because the fiscal impact of the measure is plain on its face.

7.11 - 5. (2009) SUMMARY FOR ADOPTED FLOOR SUBSTITUTE BECOMES BILL SUMMARY FOR BILL

Rule – House Rule 7.11, paragraph (a) says in relevant part:

¹ *Okla. H. Jour.*, 1793, 52nd Leg., 1st Reg. Sess. (May 20, 2009); *Daily H. Sess. Dig. Rec.*, 52nd Leg., 1st Reg. Sess. Track 10:10, 1:23-3:19 (May 20, 2009).

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History – During consideration of House Bill 1330, Representative Ritze moved to amend the measure by adopting a floor substitute in lieu of the bill itself. Representative Peters moved to advance the question which motion was adopted upon a roll call vote. Representative Ritze moved adoption of the floor substitute which was adopted upon a division of the question. Representative Peters then moved to advance the bill. Representative Brown raised a point of order as to whether a fiscal summary was available for the bill as amended by the floor substitute.

The presiding officer ruled the point not well taken and stated that a fiscal summary for the floor substitute was available on the Floor Calendar and that upon adoption of the floor substitute, the fiscal summary prepared for the floor substitute became the fiscal summary for the bill itself.²

Ruling – It is the ruling of the Chair that upon adoption of a floor substitute, the fiscal summary prepared for the floor substitute becomes the fiscal summary for the bill itself.

² *Okla. H. Jour.*, 951, 952, 52nd Leg., 1st Reg. Sess. (March 11, 2009); *Daily H. Sess. Dig. Rec.*, 52nd Leg., 1st Reg. Sess. Track 10:56, 24:03-25:47 (March 11, 2009).

**7.15 - 2. (2009) GERMANENESS OF
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
NOT OPEN TO QUESTION ONCE
DEBATE IN PROGRESS**

Rule – House Rule 7.15, paragraph (b) states in relevant part:

...A motion to adopt or reject a conference committee report shall be subject to debate. Such debate shall be limited to one (1) hour, equally divided between the proponents and the opponents of the motion...

History – During consideration of the 2nd Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1170 while in debate on the question of adoption of the conference committee report, Representative Sullivan raised a point of order as to whether Sections two (2) and three (3) of the conference committee report were limited to matters germane to Senate Bill 1170.

The presiding officer stated that because debate had already commenced, it was the opinion of the Chair that it would be disorderly to entertain a question of germaneness and as such, the point was not well taken.³

Ruling – It is the ruling of the Chair that once debate on adoption or rejection of a conference committee report is in progress, no point of order shall be recognized questioning the germaneness of the report.

³ *Okla. H. Jour.*, 1928, 52nd Leg., 1st Reg. Sess. (May 22, 2009); *Daily H. Sess. Dig. Rec.*, 52nd Leg., 1st Reg. Sess. Track 10:41, 17:57-19:33 (May 22, 2009).