

**Amending The Rules Of Order Of The Ulster County Legislature
[As Amended And Updated – June 1990] So As To Amend Rule 35,
Standing And Special Committees**

Legislators Donaldson, Lomita, Bartels, Berardi, Dart, Feldmann, Hyatt, Kraft, Loughran, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Stoeckeler, and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, Rule 35 of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature, entitled "Standing and Special Committees", empowers the permanent Chairman of the Legislature to appoint all standing committees and special committees, and

WHEREAS, Rule 35 of the Rules of Order is set forth as follows, in its entirety, as adopted and/or updated by the Ulster County Legislature:

"STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES"

"All standing committees shall be appointed by the permanent Chairman within twenty (20) days after his election or appointment, and the list of Committees shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature and printed in the Journal."

"SPECIAL COMMITTEES"

"The Chairman of the Legislature in his discretion may appoint such Special Committees, the number of members of which shall be as he may determine", and

"WHEREAS, the Chairman may be empowered to appoint a Chairman and/or Deputy Chairman to a standing committee and/or special committee, such powers having been granted either pursuant to County Law of the State of New York and/or local law or resolution of the County of Ulster, including Section 1 [b] of Local Law Number 5, of 1980 of the County of Ulster, entitled "A Local Law Providing For the Assignment To and Performance By the Chairman of the Legislature of Specified Administrative Functions, Powers and Duties Pursuant to Section 10 of Municipal Home Rule Law", the latter of which specifically authorizes the Chairman "to determine what officer shall perform a particular power or duty not clearly defined by law", and

WHEREAS, in light of the political diversity of the residents of Ulster County, it would be in the best interests of the County of Ulster that the Committee Chairmanship and Committee Deputy Chairmanship within those committees, where the appointment is made by the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, be appointed so that the Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed from either the majority political party or the minority political party while the Deputy Chairman of the committee shall be appointed from the political party opposite from that of the Chairman.

Resolution No. 264 October 6, 2005

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Legislator Noonan moved, seconded by Legislator Harris, to refer to Government Efficiency and Reform Committee.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 7 NOES: 24
(Legislators Alfonso, Busick, Felicello, Harris, Maloney,
McAfee, and Noonan)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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