

The rule governing the Consent Calendar⁽¹⁾ was adopted on Mar. 15, 1909, and amended in 1924, 1925, 1931, and 1932.⁽²⁾

§ 4. When in Order

The applicable House rule⁽³⁾ provides that the Consent Calendar shall be in order on the first and third Mondays of each month. However, the House has agreed to consider it on other days to assure that it will be called when the House will be in session⁽⁴⁾ or to dispense with it because of other pressing House business.⁽⁵⁾

Change of Day for Call

§ 4.1 The day for the call of the Consent Calendar is often changed by unanimous consent.

For example, on Mar. 29, 1961,⁽⁶⁾ Mr. John W. McCormack,

2. A description of the original rule and its subsequent amendments is found in 7 Cannon's Precedents § 972.
3. Rule XIII clause 4, *House Rules and Manual* § 746 (1981).
4. See § 4.1, *infra*.
5. See § 4.2, *infra*.
6. 107 CONG. REC. 5289, 5290, 87th Cong. 1st. Sess.
7. The date has been changed because of the intervention of numerous other holidays. For example: (1)

of Massachusetts, asked unanimous consent that the call of the Consent Calendar be made in order on the second Tuesday of the month due to the adjournment of the House for Easter recess.

There was no objection.⁽⁷⁾

Suspension for Other Business

§ 4.2 Calls of Consent and Private Calendars may, by unanimous consent, be dispensed with to facilitate consideration of other business.

On Jan. 31, 1964,⁽⁸⁾ Mr. Carl Albert, of Oklahoma, asked unanimous consent that the call of the Consent Calendar on the following Monday and the Private Calendar on the following Tuesday be dispensed with.

In response to a parliamentary inquiry, the Majority Leader announced that the House would continue to consider the Civil Rights Act during this period.

There was no objection.

7. The date has been changed because of the intervention of numerous other holidays. For example: (1) change due to Fourth of July (107 CONG. REC. 10856, 87th Cong. 1st Sess., June 20, 1961); and (2) change due to Labor Day (109 CONG. REC. 16159, 88th Cong. 1st Sess., Aug. 28, 1963).
8. 110 CONG. REC. 1552, 88th Cong. 2d Sess.

Change of Day by House Resolution

§ 4.3 The call of the Consent Calendar on a day other than that specified in Rule XIII clause 4, has been provided for by resolution reported from the Committee on Rules.

On Aug. 31, 1961,⁽⁹⁾ Mr. Richard W. Bolling, of Missouri, reported from the Committee on Rules a resolution (H. Res. 444) that the Consent Calendar be in order on the following Wednesday:

Resolved, That the call of the Consent Calendar and consideration of motions to suspend the rules, in order on Monday, September 4, 1961, may be in order on Wednesday, September 6, 1961.

The resolution was agreed to.

§ 5. Calling Measures on the Calendar

Rule XIII clause 4 provides that measures on the Consent Calendar shall be called in numerical order on the first and third Mondays of the month after they have been on the calendar for three legislative days,⁽¹⁰⁾ that a measure

9. 107 CONG. REC. 17766, 87th Cong. 1st Sess.

10. The status of bills on the Consent Calendar is not affected by their con-

will be passed over until the next call when one objection to its consideration is heard, that the measure will be stricken from the calendar when three objections to its consideration are heard on the second call, and that any measure so stricken shall not be restored to the calendar within the same session of a Congress.

However, the House has used the unanimous-consent procedure to bypass some of these requirements and call bills that have not been on the calendar for three legislative days,⁽¹¹⁾ or which have not been on the Consent Calendar at all, to strike bills from the calendar,⁽¹²⁾ to recommit a measure after withdrawal thereof,⁽¹³⁾ to restore a measure to the calendar,⁽¹⁴⁾ and to have a measure laid on the table.⁽¹⁵⁾

Three Legislative Days on Calendar Required

§ 5.1 Bills must be on the Consent Calendar three legisla-

sideration from another calendar and such bills may be called up for consideration from the Consent Calendar while pending as unfinished business in the House or Committee of the Whole. Rule XIII clause 4, *House Rules and Manual* §746 (1973).

11. See §§ 5.3, 5.4, *infra*.

12. See § 5.7, *infra*.

13. See § 5.8, *infra*.

14. See §§ 5.9, 5.10, *infra*.

15. See § 5.12, *infra*.