

ommendation that action on it be postponed.⁽¹⁷⁾

The motion to postpone to a day certain may not specify a particular hour.⁽¹⁸⁾ Business postponed to a day certain is in order on that day immediately following approval of the Journal and disposition of the business on the Speaker's table, but may be displaced by business of higher privilege.⁽¹⁾

§ 6. When in Order

Effect of Ordering Previous Question

§ 6.1 The motion to postpone further consideration of a matter is not in order after the previous question has been ordered thereon.⁽²⁾

Postponement of Veto Message

§ 6.2 A privileged motion to postpone further consideration of a veto message to a day certain was made immediately following the reading of the message.

17. 18 Cannon's Precedents §2372; 4 Hinds' Precedents §4765.

18. 5 Hinds' Precedents §5307.

1. 8 Cannon's Precedents §2614.

2. 8 Cannon's Precedents §§2616, 2617; and 5 Hinds' Precedents §§5319-5321.

On June 23, 1970,⁽³⁾ the President's veto message on H.R. 11102, the medical facilities construction and modernization amendments of 1970, was laid before the House:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning without my approval H.R. 11102, the Medical Facilities Construction and Modernization Amendments of 1970. My reason for this veto is basic: H.R. 11102 is a long step down the road of fiscal irresponsibility, and we should not take that road. . . .

In these times there is no room in this massive program—or in any other program—for the kind of needless and misdirected spending represented in H.R. 11102. I again call upon the Congress to join me in holding down Government spending to avoid a large budget deficit in fiscal year 1971.

Richard Nixon.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 22, 1970.*

THE SPEAKER:⁽⁴⁾ The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal and the message and bill will be printed as a House document.

MR. [HARLEY O.] STAGGERS [of West Virginia]: Mr. Speaker, I move that further consideration of the veto message of the President be postponed until Thursday, June 25, 1970.

Mr. Speaker, the reason I ask for this postponement is to serve notice on all Members of the House and to give everyone an opportunity to study the

3. 116 CONG. REC. 20876, 20877, 91st Cong. 2d Sess.

4. John W. McCormack (Mass.).

veto message and to participate in what I think is a highly important matter.

Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the motion.

The previous question was ordered.

THE SPEAKER: The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. Staggers).

The motion was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Postponement of Resolution of Disapproval

§ 6.3 A resolution disapproving a President's alternative pay plan is subject to a motion in the House to postpone consideration thereof.

Parliamentarian's Note: 5 USC § 5305(j) makes in order motions to postpone consideration of such disapproval resolutions, either to a day certain or indefinitely. A motion to postpone would be in order either (1) pending the initial motion to consider the disapproval resolution; (2) upon adoption of a motion that the Committee of the Whole rise; or (3) after the Committee had risen and reported the resolution back to the House.

Postponement of Motion to Discharge

§ 6.4 When a motion to discharge a committee under

Rule XXVII clause 4 is called up a motion to postpone consideration thereof to a day certain is not in order.

On Dec. 18, 1937,⁽⁵⁾ the House was considering the petitions on the Discharge Calendar. The following took place:

MR. [SAMUEL B.] PETTENGILL [of Indiana]: Assuming that the gentleman from Indiana, or some other signer of the petition, were to call it up, would a motion to postpone to a day certain, being a second or fourth Monday, be in order?

THE SPEAKER:⁽⁶⁾ Under the rules, it would not. The Chair directs the attention of the gentleman from Indiana to the discharge rule which clearly sets out that no intervening motion may take place except one motion to adjourn.

§ 7. Postponement to a Day Certain

Postponement of Veto Messages to a Day Certain

§ 7.1 The debatable motion to postpone further consideration of a veto message to a day certain is privileged and takes precedence over the pending question of passing the bill notwithstanding the objections of the President.

5. 82 CONG. REC. 1847, 75th Cong. 2d Sess.

6. William B. Bankhead (Ala.).