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## HOUSE RESOLUTION


#### Abstract

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## NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That House Rule 81 is amended to read as follows:
81. (a) When a representative desires to speak or to have the attention of the House, he/she shall rise from his/her seat and respectfully address himself/herself to "Mr./Madam Speaker", (or in the Committee of the Whole, "Mr./Madam Chairperson") and upon recognition, he/she may address the House from his/her seat or the "well" of the House. Representatives must be at their seats before obtaining recognition. Any representative who receives recognition from the Chair must confine himself/herself to the question before the House, or a privileged motion. No representative shall proceed until recognized by the Speaker. When two (2) or more representatives arise at once, the Speaker shall name the member who shall be first to speak.
(b) A motion to end debate and to move for immediate consideration of a bill shall not be permitted if less than sixty (60) seconds have elapsed since the sponsor left the "well" after presenting and speaking on the bill.

