

Proposal #HH

Date Heard: 11/16/23

Vote: 7/1/2

Article 11: Other Committees

Problem: At least twice in the history of our party the dreaded scenario of a committee submitting two minority reports to the convention has occurred. In no other situation have I ever witnessed so many Points of Information or so much general confusion.

Solution: We ought to limit the number of minority reports a committee can submit to one. There are a couple of ways to do that. One way is to simply say that only one minority report may be submitted by a committee, but in that case, which one will it be? What if there's a tie in the committee between two minority reports? The other way is to increase the threshold for minority reports by one vote.

Benefits: Never again shall 1000 Libertarians spend most of a morning debating which of two minority reports will eventually be considered as the contender to the majority report which, once that contest is decided, will then become the main motion for debate.

| Current Wording | Proposed Amendment | If Adopted, Will Read |
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MARK-UP LEGEND

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~**red bold italic strikethrough**~~.
- Additions are in **blue bold underline**.
- Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
- Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership