

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
May 7-8, 2008**

Resolution No. 4: Amendment to Rules of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion

Submitted by: Subcommittee on Resolutions

WHEREAS, Rule 8-b of the Rules of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion provides for the establishment of the legislative program of The American Legion, but has not been amended to include the designation of Resolutions authorized by the National Executive Committee, and Resolution No. 44 adopted May 5-6, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Rule 12 of the Rules of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion includes references to transacting business by telegraph which is no longer practical; and

WHEREAS, Rule 14 of the “Rules of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion”, now reads “Except as otherwise herein specifically provided, Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern.”; and

WHEREAS, The current version of Robert’s Rules of Order is titled “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 7-8, 2008, That Rule 8-b shall be amended to read:

**Rule 8-b
Legislative Program**

A legislative program shall be prepared for each session of the Congress by The National Legislative Commission and submitted for action of the National Executive Committee.

Such program shall be prepared from resolutions calling for legislation approved by the National Convention or by specific direction of the National Executive Committee.

The National Legislative Commission shall submit the legislative program to the National Executive Committee with recommendations as follows:

- a. Bills to be originated by The American Legion for introduction in the Congress in conformity with a specific program of The American Legion.**
- b. Bills pending in the Congress which The American Legion endorses and will support.**
- c. Bills pending in the Congress which The American Legion disapproves and will oppose.**
- d. The designation LI (Legislative Initiative) is assigned to those resolutions calling for specific congressional action, or**

those issues on which Congress is expected to take action in the near future and the designation LP (Legislative Policy Statement) is assigned to those resolutions declaring The American Legion's general positions on matters of National or international policy.

In designing the legislative program the National Legislative Commission is authorized to select from convention approved resolutions items for inclusion in the legislative program which conform to basic programs of The American Legion, which are timely and which, in its best judgment, can be successfully advanced for Congressional action. Legislative programs approved by the National Executive Committee shall remain in force and effect during the life of the Congress to which they relate.;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Rule 12 of the "Rules of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion" shall be amended to read:

Rule 12

Transaction of Business by Mail, E-mail or by Telephone

The National Executive Committee, without meeting together, may transact business by mail or by E-mail or by telephone on a matter of extreme urgency not involving the establishment of any new policy and on which action cannot be delayed to the next regular meeting, by voting upon proposed resolutions mailed or E-mailed or telephoned to them by the National Adjutant, with the approval of the National Commander. Thirty days shall be allowed for the return, by mail or E-mail or telephone, of the votes thereon to the National Adjutant. The voting shall be considered closed at the end of the thirty days: Provided, That three-fourths of the members of the National Executive Committee have returned their votes by that time, or it shall be considered closed at any time prior thereto if and when all the members shall have returned their votes: Provided, further, That in the event one-third of the committee in writing, objects to the ballot by mail or by E-mail or by telephone, the matter shall not be decided and will be considered as the first order of business at the next regular or special meeting: Provided, further, That votes by E-mail shall be confirmed by the National Adjutant to the NECman voting by mail and: Provided, further, That thereafter the National Adjutant shall notify the committee of the action taken. ;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Rule 14 of the "Rules of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion" shall be amended to read;

"Except as otherwise herein specifically provided, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern.";

and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the National Judge Advocate shall cause these changes to be incorporated in the “Rules of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion”.