**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
**OF**
**THE AMERICAN LEGION**
**May 8-9, 2024**
**Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Resolution No. 6: Amend the Rules of the National Executive Committee Pertaining to Legislative Resolutions**
**Origin: Subcommittee on Resolutions**
**Submitted by: Subcommittee on Resolutions**

WHEREAS, Any resolution passed by the National Executive Committee or a National Convention can be used to support congressional legislation; and

WHEREAS, The current process for identifying resolutions includes hundreds of resolutions that cannot be passed during a single Congress; and

WHEREAS, It is difficult to identify those resolutions that have impacted legislative action; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 8-9, 2024, That the Rules of the National Executive Committee be amended as outlined in Attachment 1 to clarify that any resolution can be used to support legislative action.**

# RULES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## Rule 3
## Current Wording

Powers and Rights

The Committee is specifically empowered to exercise the following powers and rights and may delegate to any national commander's appointed subcommittee that is composed of members of the Committee the authority to investigate and report back to the Committee on any of the following powers and rights:

A. To make decisions on all matters, executive or administrative provided, however, that said action taken shall not be contrary to, nor in derogation of, actions of the Convention, except as provided by the resolution adopted at the Cleveland National Convention in 1936, as follows: "Resolved, That any policy adopted by the National Organization of The American Legion by convention action shall be a mandate during the year of its adoption and thereafter shall continue as the national policy of the National Organization unless changed by subsequent Convention action or by action of the National Executive Committee," except that mandates pertaining to legislative action by the Congress of the United States shall be effective only to the date of final adjournment of the Congress during which such resolutions were adopted by a National Convention or the National Executive Committee, except that resolutions passed at the National Convention or the National Executive Committee meeting preceding the convening of a new Congress shall be effective until the adjournment of such new Congress.

## Rule 3
## New Wording with changes

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A. To make decisions on all matters, executive or administrative provided, however, that said action taken shall not be contrary to, nor in derogation of, actions of the National Convention during the year of their adoption~~,~~ and prior to the adjournment of a subsequent National Convention. ~~except as provided by the resolution adopted at the Cleveland National Convention in 1936, as follows: "Resolved, That any policy adopted by the National Organization of The American Legion by convention action shall be a mandate during the year of its adoption and thereafter shall continue as the national policy of the National Organization unless changed by subsequent Convention action or by action of the National Executive Committee," except that mandates pertaining to legislative action by the Congress of the United States shall be effective only to the date of final adjournment of the Congress during which such resolutions were adopted by a National Convention or the National Executive Committee, except that resolutions passed at the National Convention or the National Executive Committee meeting preceding the convening of a new Congress shall be effective until the adjournment of such new Congress.~~

**Rule 3**
**New Wording as Amended**
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**Rule 8-b**
**Current Wording**
Any resolution adopted by the National Convention of The American Legion, or the Committee, intending congressional action by the United States Congress shall upon its adoption immediately become part of The American Legion's Legislative Program and shall remain in full force and effect only during the life of the United States Congress to which it relates. The National Legislative Commission shall compile such resolutions and make the current compilation part of its report to the Committee for the sole purpose of establishing an orderly historical record of resolutions requiring legislative action.

**Rule 8-b**
**New Wording with Changes**
Any resolution adopted by the National Convention of The American Legion, or the Committee, ~~intending congressional action by the United States Congress shall~~ may upon its adoption ~~immediately become part of~~ be used to support The American Legion's Legislative Program and shall remain in full force and effect ~~only during the life of the United States Congress to which it relates~~until rescinded by the Committee.

**Rule 8-b**
**New Wording as Amended**
Any resolution adopted by the National Convention of The American Legion, or the Committee, may upon its adoption be used to support The American Legion's Legislative Program and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded by the Committee.