

1 **OVERTURE 13** from Potomac Presbytery (to CCB, OC)
 2 “Revise *RAO* 14-6k; 14-9g; 15-8e; 14-9e; and 15-8c.”
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 4 **Whereas**, the new rules for the proceedings of the General Assembly seem to have fulfilled
 5 their anticipated ends with success; and
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 7 **Whereas**, last year’s experience under those rules has led to the discovery of the need for a
 8 few minor adjustments;
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 10 **Therefore be it resolved** that the 36th General Assembly, at the earliest possible place on
 11 the docket, adopt the following amendments to the *Rules of Assembly Operations*:
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CURRENT <i>RAO</i>	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	
	<p>ADD a new 14-6.k. k. By majority vote the committee of commissioners may adopt recommendations commending coordinators, staff, committees and/or agencies for their efforts. <i>Rationale:</i> <i>Committees of commissioners have traditionally offered such motions; by oversight no provision was made for this practice in the new procedures.</i></p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p>
	<p>ADD a new 14-9.g., and re-letter what follows: g. Should a recommendation proposing an answer to an overture in the affirmative fail to be adopted, the overture shall be considered to have been answered in the negative. Should a recommendation proposing an answer to an overture in the negative fail to be adopted, the overture by that action shall be recommitted to the committee of commissioners. <i>Rationale:</i> <i>Overtures typically are answered by the Assembly. Under the current rules there is no provision for insuring that whatever the Assembly action, overtures will be answered.</i></p>	<p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>
	<p>ADD a new 15-8.e., and re-letter what follows: e. Should a recommendation proposing an answer to an overture in the affirmative fail to be adopted, the overture shall be considered to have been answered in the negative. Should a recommendation proposing an answer to an overture in the negative fail to be adopted, the overture by that action shall be recommitted to the overtures committee. <i>Rationale:</i> <i>See above on 14-9.g.</i></p>	<p>26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36</p>

<p>14-9.</p> <p>e. A recommendation shall be considered under the standard rules governing debate, but Subsidiary Motions (RRO VI) to <i>Postpone Indefinitely</i>, to <i>Amend</i>, to <i>Commit</i> (except to <i>Recommit</i>) and to <i>Limit Debate</i>; and Incidental Motions (RRO VIII) to <i>Divide a Question</i>, to <i>Consider Seriatim</i>, and <i>Constitutional Inquiries</i>, shall not be permitted.</p>	<p>STRIKE & ADD in 14-9.e. as follows:</p> <p>e. A recommendation shall be considered under the standard rules governing debate, but Subsidiary Motions (RRO VI) to <i>Postpone Indefinitely</i>, to <i>Amend</i>, to <i>Commit</i> (except to <i>Recommit</i>) and to <i>Limit Debate</i>; and Incidental Motions (RRO VIII) to <i>Divide a Question</i>, to <i>Consider Seriatim</i>, and <i>Constitutional Inquiries</i>, shall not be permitted. <u>A motion to <i>Recommit</i> shall be permitted, but a motion to <i>Recommit With Instructions</i> shall not be permitted.</u></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> <i>A motion to recommit with instructions would open the floor to the emendation process the new rules were designed to prohibit. The overtures committee will have sufficient information to address a recommendation recommitted from the debate on the motion to recommit.</i></p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p>
<p>15-8.</p> <p>c. A recommendation shall be considered under the standard rules governing debate, but Subsidiary Motions (RRO VI) to <i>Postpone Indefinitely</i>, to <i>Amend</i>, to <i>Commit</i> (except to <i>Recommit</i>) and to <i>Limit Debate</i>; and Incidental Motions (RRO VIII) to <i>Divide a Question</i>, to <i>Consider Seriatim</i>, and <i>Constitutional Inquiries</i>, shall not be permitted.</p>	<p>STRIKE & ADD in 15-8.c. as follows:</p> <p>c. A recommendation shall be considered under the standard rules governing debate, but Subsidiary Motions (RRO VI) to <i>Postpone Indefinitely</i>, to <i>Amend</i>, to <i>Commit</i> (except to <i>Recommit</i>) and to <i>Limit Debate</i>; and Incidental Motions (RRO VIII) to <i>Divide a Question</i>, to <i>Consider Seriatim</i>, and <i>Constitutional Inquiries</i>, shall not be permitted. <u>A motion to <i>Recommit</i> shall be permitted, but a motion to <i>Recommit With Instructions</i> shall not be permitted.</u></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> <i>A motion to recommit with instructions would open the floor to the emendation process the new rules were designed to prohibit. The overtures committee will have sufficient information to address a recommendation recommitted from the debate on the motion to recommit.</i></p>	<p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39</p>

Adopted by Potomac Presbytery at the 80th stated meeting on March 15, 2008.
Attested by /s/ RE Richard R. Larson, Stated Clerk