

TEMA/TÍTULO: Reglamento Parlamentario Enmendar la Regla Conjunta 15

PROPONENTE: D. Rebecca Snow

PÁGINA CYC: 225

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1 *Se resuelve*, con la aprobación de la Cámara de ____, que por la presente quede enmendada la
2 Regla de Orden Conjunta 15, de manera que se lea como sigue:

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4 Después de la adopción del Presupuesto para la Iglesia Episcopal, toda resolución *que afecte el*
5 *presupuesto para el Programa de la Iglesia Episcopal* que requiera el gasto de dinero *adicional*
6 (o que contenga financiamiento implícito) quedará sin financiamiento *durante el trienio. Toda*
7 *resolución que afecte el presupuesto para gastos Canónigos y corporativos se remitirá al*
8 *Consejo Ejecutivo y se le deberá dar cabida dentro del presupuesto aprobado.*

EXPLANATION:

Currently, Joint Rule 15 has the potential to thwart the will of General Convention as to changes it makes in the canonical structure of The Episcopal Church. If resolutions changing the canons are adopted after the budget has been adopted and have a monetary implication, they go unfunded and thus unfulfilled for at least the three years of the triennium that begins after that General Convention. For example, in 2003, the resolution creating the Standing Commission on Health was not adopted until after the budget had been approved. Subsequently the Executive Council concluded, based on Joint Rule 15, that it could not provide funding for this new entity. No one was appointed to the SC on Health and, of course, it lost those 3 years of functioning. For situations like this, the amendment proposed would leave the Executive Council free in the future to find funding in the adopted budget to execute the will of General Convention. The "Budget for the Episcopal Church" that is presented to General Convention consists of two parts, the "Canonical and corporate portion" and the "Program" portion. (Canon I.4.6(b) and (c), p. 33-34 of 2006 Constitution and Canons) The problem is that Joint Rule 15 as currently written applies to both sections. Elsewhere the canons explicitly state the policy of giving priority to the canonical portion when anticipated income won't support the full budget approved by General Convention. (Canon I.4.6(d), p. 34) However, the intended priority for canonical functions may be unwittingly undermined currently, based simply on a timing glitch at the General Convention. It is our contention that regardless of when General Convention amends the canons, its canonical decisions take priority. It should then be the duty of its officers and representatives, during the interim between conventions, to enforce the Convention's decisions on such matters. Although Joint Rule 15 is an appropriate constraint on General Convention's sometimes overly ambitious desire to support all programs that would benefit the mission and ministry of the church at large, it is not appropriate as a constraint on General Convention's authority to organize and order itself.

BALLOT RESULTS:

Endorser(s): Ms. Mary Margaret Davis, The Rev. Gay C. Jennings

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