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A Resolution of Governance to Default to Robert's Rules on Friendly Amendment Procedures.

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Whereas: Section 12 of Robert's Rules of Order reads "Friendly Amendments: The term "friendly amendment" is often used to describe an amendment offered by someone who is in sympathy with the purposes of the main motion, in the belief that the amendment will either improve the statement or effect of the main motion, presumably to the satisfaction of its maker, or will increase the chances of the main motion's adoption. Regardless of whether or not the maker of the main motion "accepts" the amendment, it must be opened to debate and voted on formally (unless adopted by unanimous consent) and is handled under the same rules as amendments generally." **AND**

Whereas: Once a motion or amendment is introduced, the Senate as the deliberative body should have full control over that motion or amendment; friendly amendments circumvent this control; **AND**

Whereas: Article I. of the Standing Procedures reads "At any point, when an amendment is made to a standing motion, if the maker of the motion and its seconder are in favor of the amendment, or do not oppose it, the amendment shall be deemed "friendly." There shall be no debate, and the original motion shall continue in its amended form."

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article I be stricken from the Standing Procedures.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate,

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ATTEST: Sean P. Maloney
Executive Vice President

Date: _____

YAY: _____

NAY: _____

ABSTAIN: _____