

FIRST HEADING **SUSPENDING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

HR 6 by Seidlits would suspend the constitutional order of business provision. Art. 3, sec. 5, of the Texas Constitution requires the Legislature to devote the first 30 days of each regular session exclusively to certain business: the introduction of bills and resolutions; emergency appropriations; Senate confirmation of recess appointees and emergency matters submitted by the governor. During the second 30 days committees are to hold hearings to consider pending legislation and emergency matters. During the ensuing 60 days both houses may act upon pending legislation without restriction.

The Constitution allows each house to suspend the order-of-business provision. Suspension requires approval by a vote of four-fifths of the membership. HR 6 would suspend the constitutional order of business and provide that the order of business in the House rules be used instead. The House rules generally do not limit early consideration of legislation.