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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AMENDING LEGISLATIVE JOINT RULE 3-1 TO OPEN CONFERENCE
COMMITTEES TO THE PUBLIC.

WHEREAS, Legislative Joint Rule 8-1 provides that joint
rules may be adopted, amended or repealed by concurrent
resolution approved by two-thirds of the membership of each
house;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, that Joint Rule
3-1 be amended to read:

"CONFERENCE COMMITTEES (3-1)

If one house refuses to concur in the amendments
made to its ~~[bill]~~ legislation by the other house,
the chief clerk shall notify the house making the
amendments of that refusal to concur and ask that it

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1 recede from its amendments. If the amending house
2 refuses to recede from its amendments, a conference
3 committee, consisting of three members from each
4 house, shall be appointed by the president pro
5 tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house.
6 Conference committee meetings shall be open to the
7 public; provided that conference committee meetings
8 may be closed to the public pursuant to the
9 exceptions stated in Subsection B of Section 10-15-2
10 NMSA 1978 or for good cause upon a vote of the
11 committee. The time and place of open conference
12 committee meetings shall be announced on the public
13 address system and posted at the speaker's and the
14 president pro tempore's offices. The conference
15 committee shall meet at a time and place to be
16 mutually agreed upon by the committee members, and
17 when agreement on the amendments in dispute has been
18 reached, the members shall report to their
19 respective houses, or if agreement has not been
20 reached, they shall report that fact to their
21 respective houses. No new item shall be presented
22 as an amendment for inclusion in the conference
23 committee report unless the item has been the
24 subject of a legislative committee hearing during
25 the session. Voting in the conference committee

1 shall be by the respective houses, and a majority of
2 the membership from each house is required for
3 adoption of a recommendation. The report of the
4 conference committee shall not be subject to
5 amendment in either house. The report of the
6 conference committee shall always be in order except
7 during a roll call or when a question of order or a
8 motion to adjourn is pending."

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