SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AMENDING LEGISLATIVE JOINT RULE 3-1 PERTAINING TO CONFERENCE

COMMITTEES.

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rules may be adopted, amended or repealed by concurrent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 SENATE, THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES 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 by the other house, the chief clerk

shall notify the house making the amendments of that

refusal to concur and ask that it recede from its

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1   amendments. If the amending house refuses to recede

2   from its amendments, a conference committee,

3   consisting of [three] an equal number of members

4   from each house, shall be appointed by the president

5   pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the

6   house. Conference committee meetings shall be open

7   to the public; provided that conference committee

8   meetings may be closed to the public for good cause

9   upon a vote of the committee. The time and place of

10   open conference committee meetings shall be

11   announced on the public address system and posted at

12   the offices of the chief clerks of each house. The

13   conference committee shall meet at a time and place

14   to be mutually agreed upon by the committee members,

15   and when agreement on the amendments in dispute has

16   been reached, the members shall report to their

17   respective houses, or if agreement has not been

18   reached, they shall report that fact to their

19   respective houses. No new item shall be presented

20   as an amendment for inclusion in the conference

21   committee report unless the item has been the

22   subject of a legislative committee hearing during

23   the session. Voting in the conference committee

24   shall be by the respective houses, and a majority of

25   the membership from each house is required for

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1   adoption of a recommendation. The report of the

2   conference committee shall not be subject to

3   amendment in either house. The report of the

4   conference committee shall always be in order except

5   during a roll call or when a question of order or a

6   motion to adjourn is pending.".

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