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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2

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A RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE HOUSE RULES TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTMENTS TO
STANDING COMMITTEES BE MADE BY THE RESPECTIVE CAUCUSES.

WHEREAS, House Rule 24-1 provides that the rules of the
house may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of the members of
the house or by a majority vote of the members of the house
upon the recommendation of the rules and order of business
committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that House Rule 9-1
be amended to read:

"9-1 [~~The speaker shall appoint~~] All appointments to
 committees created by the house, except those
 committees where the members are designated in the
 motion creating them, [~~and all appointments~~] shall

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1 be made by the respective caucuses, announced in
2 open session and made a matter of record in the
3 journal, subject to the following:

4 (a) the caucuses shall make their
5 appointments in the order of their membership of the
6 house, with the caucus that has the most members of
7 the house making its appointments first; provided
8 that the order of making appointments for any
9 caucuses that have equal members shall be determined
10 by lot;

11 (b) each caucus other than the caucus making
12 the initial appointments shall appoint members to
13 committees in the number that reflects its
14 proportion of the membership of the house; provided
15 that each caucus shall be entitled to appoint at
16 least one member to each committee;

17 (c) a member who is not affiliated with a
18 caucus may appoint himself or herself to no more
19 than two substantive committees;

20 (d) each caucus shall make its
21 appointments in such a manner as to minimize
22 scheduling conflicts for members; and

23 (e) except as provided for in this rule,
24 all appointments shall comply with the restrictions
25 in House Rule 9-3.".