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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."