

1 SENATE RESOLUTION 1

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 AMENDING THE SENATE RULES REGARDING THE PRESERVATION OF THE
12 DECORUM OF THE SENATE.

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14 WHEREAS, Senate Rule 24-1 provides that the rules of the
15 senate may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of all the members
16 of the senate or by a majority vote of the members of the
17 senate upon the recommendation of the senate rules committee;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that Senate Rule 7-12 be amended to read:

20 "7-12 While the senate is in session, a senator shall not
21 speak to another senator in a disruptive manner,
22 otherwise interrupt the business of the senate,
23 detract from the decorum of the senate, communicate
24 with a person outside the chamber concerning the
25 substance of the question before the body while

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1 debating the question without disclosing that fact
2 or read any newspaper. [~~while the journals or~~
3 ~~public papers are being read. No~~] A senator shall
4 not walk out of the chamber or across the chamber
5 when the president is putting a question. [~~No~~] A
6 senator shall not walk between a senator who is
7 speaking and the chair."; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate Rule 9-5-6 be amended
9 to read:

10 "9-5-6 Committee meetings shall be governed by the
11 following:

12 (a) All meetings of a quorum of members of any
13 committee or policymaking body of the senate held for the
14 purpose of discussing public business or for the purpose of
15 taking any action within the authority of or the delegated
16 authority of such committee are declared to be public meetings
17 open to the public at all times except for initial probable
18 cause deliberations and hearings relating to allegations of
19 unethical conduct brought before the senate ethics committee,
20 unless it is requested by the senator against whom the
21 allegation is made.

22 (b) The provisions of Subsection (a) of this
23 rule shall not apply to matters relating to personnel, or
24 matters adjudicatory in nature, or to any bill, resolution or
25 other legislative matter not yet presented to either house of

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1 the legislature.

2 (c) Meetings of a committee on general
3 appropriations bills may be closed by a majority vote of the
4 committee.

5 (d) For the purposes of Rule 9-5-6, "meeting"
6 means a gathering of the members called by the presiding
7 officer of a standing committee.

8 (e) A person presenting information to a
9 committee or a senator debating the question before the
10 committee shall not communicate with another person outside the
11 meeting concerning the substance of the question before the
12 body without disclosing that fact."