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FIRST SESSION, 2017**

March 17, 2017

Mr. President:

Your **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

**HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8, as amended**

has had it under consideration and reports same with the following recommendation:

1. The following Senate Rules Committee amendments be APPROVED:

Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

2. All items of House Floor Amendment number 1 be DISAPPROVED.

3. All items of House Floor Amendment number 2 be DISAPPROVED.

4. Senate Rules Committee Amendment No. 5 be DISAPPROVED.

and that the bill be amended further as follows:

5. On pages 1 through 4, strike Section 1 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 5 of the constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

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"A. The "state ethics commission" is established as an independent state agency under the direction of seven commissioners, no more than three of whom may be members of the same political party, whose terms and qualifications shall be as provided by law. The governor shall appoint one commissioner. One commissioner each shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, the minority floor leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the minority floor leader of the house of representatives, all as certified by the chief clerks of the respective chambers. Two commissioners, who shall not be members of the same political party, shall be appointed by the four legislatively appointed commissioners.

B. The state ethics commission may initiate, receive, investigate and adjudicate complaints alleging violations of, and issue advisory opinions concerning, standards of ethical conduct and other standards of conduct and reporting requirements, as may be provided by law, for state officers and employees of the executive and legislative branches of government, candidates or other participants in elections, lobbyists or government contractors or seekers of government contracts and have such other jurisdiction as provided by law.

C. The state ethics commission may require the attendance of witnesses or the production of records and other evidence relevant to an investigation by subpoena as provided by law and shall have such other powers and duties and administer or enforce such other acts as further provided by law."".

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Respectfully submitted,

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