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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - 2ND SPECIAL SESSION, 2000

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AMENDING LEGISLATIVE JOINT RULE 3-1 PERTAINING TO CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

WHEREAS, Legislative Joint Rule 8-1 requires that joint rules may be adopted, amended or repealed by concurrent resolution approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house;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 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, that the following 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 amendments. If the amending house refuses to recede from its amendments, a conference

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committee, consisting of three members from each house, shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house. The conference committee shall meet at a time to be mutually agreed upon by the committee members, and when agreement on the amendments in dispute has been reached, the members shall report to their respective houses, or if agreement has not been reached, they shall report that fact to their respective houses. No new item shall be presented as an amendment for inclusion in the conference committee report unless the item has been the subject of a legislative committee hearing during the session. Voting in the conference committee shall be by the respective houses, and a majority of the membership from each house is required for adoption of a recommendation. The report of the conference committee shall not be subject to amendment in either house. The report of the conference committee shall always be in order except during a roll call or when a question of order or a motion to adjourn is pending.

Conference committee meetings, or meetings consisting of two or more legislators and the governor or the governor's chief of staff, shall be open to the public. A conference committee meeting, or a meeting of two or more legislators

1 with the governor or the governor's chief of staff,
2 shall occur only after reasonable notice of the
3 meeting has been provided to the public.
4 Conference committee meetings, or meetings
5 consisting of two or more legislators and the
6 governor or the governor's chief of staff, may be
7 closed to the public during discussions of
8 personnel issues or issues related to pending
9 litigation or the purchase, acquisition or disposal
10 of real property or water rights."

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