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HOUSE RESOLUTION 5

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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A RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE HOUSE RULES RELATED TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A MEMBER MAY BE EXCUSED.

WHEREAS, the rules of the house of representatives may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of all 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 7-1 be amended to read:

"7-1 Every member of the house shall be present on the floor of the house during each session, unless prevented by sickness or excused at the member's request by the speaker in writing. The excuse shall be filed with the chief clerk."; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that House Rule 7-4 be amended to  
2 read:

3 "7-4 When a quorum is present and any member who has not  
4 previously been excused pursuant to House Rule 7-1  
5 is absent, a call of the house shall be ordered by  
6 the speaker upon ~~[an affirmative vote]~~ the request  
7 of seven or more of the members present; excepting  
8 that a call of the house shall not be ordered on a  
9 motion to adjourn, motion to take a recess, after  
10 the voting on any question has begun, or after the  
11 speaker recognizes any person authorized to close  
12 debate on any bill, resolution or memorial. A  
13 member who is excused pursuant to House Rule 7-1 is  
14 also excused from the call of the house. The call  
15 of the house is complete when all members covered by  
16 the call are present. The call of the house is  
17 dissolved only when the issue or issues covered by  
18 the call have been disposed of or if all those  
19 present who originally requested the call approve  
20 the dissolution."; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that House Rule 7-5 be amended to  
22 read:

23 "7-5 Every member of the house shall vote on each  
24 question or motion coming ~~[up]~~ before the house when  
25 requested to do so by the speaker, unless excused

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pursuant to House Rule 7-6 by a majority vote of  
those members present."; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that House Rule 7-4-1 be repealed.