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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Legislative Joint Rule 8-1 provides that joint rules may be adopted, amended or repealed by concurrent resolution approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house;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 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

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1 from its amendments. If the amending house refuses
2 to recede from its amendments, a conference
3 committee, consisting of three members from each
4 house, shall be appointed by the president pro
5 tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house.
6 Conference committee meetings shall be open to the
7 public; provided that conference committee meetings
8 may be closed to the public for good cause upon a
9 vote of the committee. The time and place of open
10 conference committee meetings shall be announced on
11 the public address system and posted at the
12 speaker's and the president pro tempore's offices.
13 The conference committee shall meet at a time and
14 place to be mutually agreed upon by the committee
15 members, and when agreement on the amendments in
16 dispute has been reached, the members shall report
17 to their respective houses, or if agreement has not
18 been reached, they shall report that fact to their
19 respective houses. No new item shall be presented
20 as an amendment for inclusion in the conference
21 committee report unless the item has been the
22 subject of a legislative committee hearing during
23 the session. Voting in the conference committee
24 shall be by the respective houses, and a majority
25 of the membership from each house is required for

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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."