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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1
**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND 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rules may be adopted, amended or repealed by concurrent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 SENATE, THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, that the following
Joint Rule 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

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to recede from its amendments, a conference 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. Conference committee meetings shall be open to the public; provided that conference committee meetings may be closed to the public during committee discussions of personnel issues or issues related to pending litigation or the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights. 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

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except during a roll call or when a question of
order or a motion to adjourn is pending.".