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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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A RESOLUTION

PROPOSING A HOUSE RULE ALLOWING AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDING AND  
TRANSMISSION OF COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS.

WHEREAS, the rules of the house of representatives may be  
amended by a two-thirds vote of 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 a new House  
Rule 9-5-7 be adopted to read:

"9-5-7                   Photography, video or audio recording or  
                                 transmission of committee proceedings may be  
                                 allowed with the permission of the chair."; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that House Rule 9-10 be amended to  
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1 "9-10 The principal duties of the chairman of a  
2 committee are:

3 (a) to call the committee together at  
4 such reasonable times and places as to enable the committee to  
5 properly perform its functions. All committee members will be  
6 notified of committee meetings;

7 (b) to preside over meetings of the  
8 committee, maintain order and decide all questions of order  
9 subject to appeal to a majority of the appointed committee and  
10 to ensure that the decorum of the committee is preserved while  
11 maximizing the public's ability to observe, report on and  
12 participate in a meeting;

13 (c) to supervise and direct the clerical  
14 and other employees of the committee, helping with the  
15 preparation of reports to submit to the committee and to  
16 require the committee to keep a record of the attendance of  
17 committee members at all committee meetings and to file such  
18 attendance record with the chief clerk on Friday of each week.  
19 Such record shall be a public record;

20 (d) to have custody of all papers  
21 referred to the committee and to transmit them to the chief  
22 clerk when the committee is through with them and endorse on  
23 each document what action has been taken on it, if any;

24 (e) to see that bills are discussed in  
25 order as they are referred to the committee, except when

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1 another order of business is agreed upon by a majority of the  
2 appointed committee;

3 (f) to arrange in cooperation with the  
4 coordinator for joint hearings with a similar committee of the  
5 senate upon arrival of the committee members and the proper  
6 senate committee; and

7 (g) in the absence of the sponsor of a  
8 measure, be prepared, or designate a committee member to be  
9 prepared, to explain the bill to the house."