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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AMENDING LEGISLATIVE JOINT RULE 3-1 TO PROVIDE THAT CONFERENCE COMMITTEES BE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

WHEREAS, Legislative Joint Rule 8-1 provides that joint rules may be adopted, amended or repealed by concurrent resolution approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house;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

A. 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

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1 amending house refuses to recede from its amendments, a  
2 conference committee, consisting of three members from each  
3 house, shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of  
4 the senate and the speaker of the house.

5 B. The conference committee shall meet at a time to  
6 be mutually agreed upon by the committee members, and the  
7 time and place of the meeting shall be printed on the daily  
8 schedule of house and senate committee hearings or posted  
9 in the capitol in such a way as to give, under the  
10 circumstances, reasonably adequate notice of the meeting to  
11 the public.

12 C. When agreement on the amendments in dispute has  
13 been reached, the members shall report to their respective  
14 houses, or, if agreement has not been reached, they shall  
15 report that fact to their respective houses. [~~No new item~~  
16 ~~shall be presented as an amendment for inclusion in the~~  
17 ~~conference committee report unless the item has been the~~  
18 ~~subject of a legislative committee hearing during the~~  
19 ~~session.~~] Voting in the conference committee shall be by  
20 the respective houses, and a majority of the membership  
21 from each house is required for adoption of a  
22 recommendation. The report of the conference committee  
23 shall not be subject to amendment in either house. The  
24 report of the conference committee shall always be in order  
25 except during a roll call or when a question of order or a

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1 motion to adjourn is pending. The report of the conference  
2 committee shall not be voted on in either house until at  
3 least twenty-four hours after the time the conference  
4 committee report has been reported to the respective house,  
5 except for conference committee reports that are received  
6 in the last twenty-four hours of a session, in which case  
7 at least one legislative day must lapse between receipt of  
8 the conference committee report by the house and a vote on  
9 the report.

10 D. Conference committees are subject to the  
11 provisions of the Open Meetings Act, except for  
12 requirements related to time periods for meeting notices,  
13 publication of agendas and minutes.

14 E. Conference committees shall only consider matters  
15 included in the house or senate versions of the bill.  
16 Conference committees shall not agree to new terms or  
17 provisions not included in the house or senate versions of  
18 the bill. Conference committees shall not recommend  
19 funding levels greater than the amount included in either  
20 the house or senate version of the bill. "