

AMENDMENT # 1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE  
TO: HCR 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

1 Page 1, line 4, through page 2, line 6:

2 Delete all material and insert:

3 **"\* Section 1. Rule 34(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to**  
4 **read:**

5 (b) Abstention. Every member present in the house shall vote unless the house  
6 for special reasons permits a member to abstain. All motions excusing a member from  
7 voting shall be made before the house divides or before the call for the yeas and nays  
8 is commenced. A member requesting to be excused from voting **shall have up to five**  
9 **minutes to explain the member's request to be excused from voting,** [MAY  
10 MAKE A BRIEF ORAL STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE REQUEST]  
11 and the question of granting permission to abstain shall be taken without further  
12 debate. A member may not explain a vote, may not discuss the question while the yeas  
13 and nays are being called, and may not change a vote after the roll call result has been  
14 announced. Upon division and count of the house of any question, a member who is  
15 not within the chamber may not be counted. A member may not be permitted to  
16 abstain except upon **an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the full** [UNANIMOUS  
17 CONSENT OF THE] membership **of the house.**"