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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ELIASON

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Amending Rule 10 of the Uniform Rules
6 of the Alaska State Legislature.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS nowhere is the right of free speech more basic to the demo-
9 cratic processes of government than in the Legislature; and

10 WHEREAS basically, members of the Legislature have the right to seek
11 the floor at any time; and

12 WHEREAS that one is able to prejudge and censor what a fellow legisla-
13 tive member wishes to say on the floor is inimical to our right of free
14 speech;

15 BE IT RESOLVED that Rule 10 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska Legisla-
16 ture is amended to read:

17 RULE 10. A member may request of the chair and receive [WITH THE
18 CONSENT OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT] the personal or special
19 privilege of the floor. The request for the privilege and the substance
20 of his remarks are not recorded in the Journal. (a) Personal privilege
21 is granted for making remarks affecting the rights, reputation and con-
22 duct of members in their representative capacity. (b) Special
23 privilege of the floor is used for remarks on matters other than
24 questions of personal privilege and the subject of special privilege
25 to which a member rises must be stated before consent to proceed is
26 given.
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