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Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the rules governing  
6 conference committees.

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

8 WHEREAS the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature may be  
9 amended by the adoption of a concurrent resolution by two-thirds of the  
10 membership of each house; and

11 WHEREAS the rules governing free conference committees contain needless  
12 ambiguities and omissions;

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that Rule 43(b) is amended to  
14 read:

15 (b) Committee on Free Conference is appointed in the same manner  
16 as a Committee on Conference and may suggest in its report any new  
17 amendments germane to the question. When a majority of the membership  
18 on the committee from each house agree on amendments to be proposed,  
19 the amendments are attached to the bill and reported back to each  
20 house in an identical report. The report is not subject to amendment  
21 in either house. If the report is adopted in both houses the bill is  
22 then ordered enrolled by its house of origin. If the Committee on Free  
23 Conference fails to agree or its report is not adopted, or the committee  
24 is discharged for any other reason, a second Committee on Free Conference  
25 may be appointed but no member of the first committee may be reappointed.  
26 Irrespective of the preceding sentence, either presiding officer may  
27 discharge his conferees at any time before an agreement is reached by  
28 the committee, for any reason with the concurrence of the majority of  
29 the membership of the house. If the majority of the members of

1 the house vote in the affirmative, the action has the effect of  
2 discharging the conferees of both houses. If the second Free Conference  
3 Committee fails to agree or the report is not adopted, the legislation  
4 which is the subject of the report is defeated and a third Free Confer-  
5 ence Committee may not be appointed.  
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