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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the uniform
6 rules relating to conference commit-
7 tees and free conference committees.

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

9 * Section 1. Rule 41(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-
10 ture is amended to read:

11 Rule 41. (a) If one house refuses to concur in the amendments of
12 the other it so notifies the amending house and requests that it recede
13 from its amendments. If the house refuses to recede, the presiding
14 officer of each house appoints three members to sit as a Committee on
15 Conference. The committee meets when mutually agreeable to its members
16 and when agreement on previously adopted amendments to a bill adopted
17 by either house is reached, the committee submits an identical report
18 to each house. If the report is adopted by both houses the bill is
19 enrolled, signed, and transmitted to the governor. [IT IS IN ORDER AT
20 ANY TIME TO GRANT POWERS OF FREE CONFERENCE TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFER-
21 ENCE.] If the members of the Committee on Conference cannot agree on
22 amendments or one or both houses refuses to adopt its report, it is
23 then in order to appoint a Committee on Free Conference. A member who
24 served on a Committee on Conference may not be appointed to a sub-
25 sequent Committee on Conference or Committee on Free Conference con-
26 cerning the same measure. The vote on adoption of a conference com-
27 mittee report is taken by the calling of the roll and the recording of
28 the ayes and nays in the journal. Adoption requires a majority of the
29 membership of the house.

1 (b) The Committee on Free Conference is appointed in the same
2 manner as a Committee on Conference and may suggest in its report any
3 new amendments germane to the question. When a majority of the member-
4 ship on the committee from each house agree on amendments to be pro-
5 posed, the amendments are attached to the bill and reported back to
6 each house in an identical report. The report is not subject to amend-
7 ment in either house. The report is referred to the last committee in
8 each house to which the bill was referred for consideration. If the
9 report is adopted in both houses the bill is then ordered enrolled by
10 its house of origin. If the Committee on Free Conference fails to
11 agree or its report is not adopted, a second Committee on Free Confer-
12 ence may be appointed but no member of the first committee may be
13 reappointed. A free conference committee report may not be voted on
14 by the house until at least 24 hours after the report is received by
15 the house. The vote on adoption of a free conference committee report
16 is taken by calling of the roll and the recording of the ayes and nays
17 in the journal. Adoption requires a majority of the membership of the
18 house.
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