

Original sponsor: Rules Committee

Offered: 3/31/81  
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 (State Affairs)

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 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-  
10 ture is amended to read:

11 RULE 41. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. (a) If one house refuses to  
12 concur in the amendments of the other it so notifies the amending house  
13 and requests that it recede from its amendments. If the house refuses  
14 to recede, the presiding officer of each house appoints three members  
15 to sit as a Committee on Conference. The committee meets when mutually  
16 agreeable to its members and when agreement on previously adopted  
17 amendments to a bill adopted by either house is reached, the committee  
18 submits an identical report to each house. If the report is adopted by  
19 both houses the bill is enrolled, signed, and transmitted to the gover-  
20 nor. If the members of the Committee on Conference cannot agree on  
21 amendments or if one or both houses refuses to adopt the report, the  
22 Committee on Conference shall submit a written report to each house  
23 listing the specific points of disagreement for which the committee  
24 requests powers of free conference. The presiding officer of each  
25 house may give limited powers of free conference only on the specific  
26 points listed. [IT IS IN ORDER AT ANY TIME TO GRANT POWERS OF FREE  
27 CONFERENCE TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE.] If the members of the  
28 Committee on Conference with limited powers of free conference cannot  
29 agree on amendments or one or both houses refuses to adopt its report,

1 it is then in order to appoint a Committee on Free Conference. A mem-  
2 ber who served on a Committee on Conference or on a Committee on Con-  
3 ference with limited powers of free conference may not be appointed to  
4 a subsequent Committee on Conference or Committee on Free Conference  
5 concerning the same measure. The vote on adoption of a conference  
6 committee report is taken by the calling of the roll and the recording  
7 of the yeas [AYES] and nays in the journal. Adoption requires a  
8 majority of the membership of the house.

9 (b) The Committee on Free Conference is appointed in the same  
10 manner as a Committee on Conference and may suggest in its report any  
11 new amendments clearly germane to the question. When a majority of the  
12 membership on the committee from each house agree on amendments [TO BE  
13 PROPOSED], the amendments are attached to the bill and reported back to  
14 each house in an identical report. The report is not subject to amend-  
15 ment in either house. The report is referred to the last committee in  
16 each house to which the bill was referred for consideration for its  
17 information; the committee shall report the bill with its recommenda-  
18 tions for or against passage of the report. If the report is adopted  
19 in both houses the bill is then ordered enrolled by its house of origin.  
20 If the Committee on Free Conference fails to agree or its report is not  
21 adopted, a second Committee on Free Conference may be appointed but no  
22 member of the first committee may be reappointed. A free conference  
23 committee report may not be voted on by the house until at least 24  
24 hours after the report is printed and distributed to each member at  
25 his desk. The vote on adoption of a free conference committee report  
26 is taken by calling of the roll and the recording of the yeas [AYES]  
27 and nays in the journal. Adoption requires a majority of the member-  
28 ship of the house.  
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