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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the uniform
6 rules establishing a limitation on
7 the authority of committees on
8 conference to consider and report on
9 bills on appropriations.

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

11 * Section 1. Rule 41(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legis-
12 lature is amended to read:

13 (a) If one house refuses to concur in the amendments of the other
14 it so notifies the amending house and requests that it recede from its
15 amendments. If the house refuses to recede, the presiding officer of
16 each house appoints three members to sit as a Committee on Conference.
17 The committee meets when mutually agreeable to its members and when
18 agreement on previously adopted amendments to a bill adopted by either
19 house is reached, the committee submits an identical report to each
20 house. If the report is adopted by both houses the bill is enrolled,
21 signed, and transmitted to the governor. Except as provided in (c) of
22 this rule, it [IT] is in order at any time to grant powers of free
23 conference to the Committee on Conference. Except as provided in (c)
24 of this rule, if [IF] the members of the Committee on Conference cannot
25 agree on amendments or one or both houses refuses to adopt its report,
26 it is then in order to appoint a Committee on Free Conference. The
27 vote on adoption of a conference committee report is taken by the
28 calling of the roll and the recording of the ayes and nays in the
29 journal. Adoption requires a majority of the membership of the house.

1 * Sec. 2. Rule 41 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature
2 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

3 (c) A house of the legislature may not grant to a conference
4 committee on an appropriation bill the power

5 (1) to make a new appropriation or allocation; or

6 (2) to report an appropriation or an allocation which
7 exceeds the appropriation or allocation in either bill referred to the
8 committee.

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