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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33 am

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Proposing an amendment to Rule 42(a) of

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the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State

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Legislature relating to powers of con-

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ference committees.

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

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* Section 1. Rule 42(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legis-

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lature is amended to read:

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(a) If one house refuses to concur in the amendments of the

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other it so notifies the amending house and requests that it recede

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from its amendments. The vote on receding from amendments is taken by

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the calling of the roll and the recording of the yeas and nays in the

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journal. A house recedes from its amendments only by a majority vote

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of the full membership of the house. If the house refuses to recede,

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the presiding officer of each house appoints three members to sit as a

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Conference Committee. The committee meets when mutually agreeable to

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its members. If the committee reaches agreement on previously adopted

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amendments to a bill adopted by either house, or on an appropriation

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measure reaches agreement on an amount equal to the amount previously

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adopted by a house or between the amounts previously adopted by either

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house, the committee then submits an identical report to each house.

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The report is not subject to amendment in either house. If the report

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is adopted by each house the bill is enrolled, signed, and transmitted

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to the governor. If the members of the Conference Committee cannot

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agree on amendments, or if one or both houses refuses to adopt the

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committee report, the Conference Committee submits an identical

1 written report to each house listing the specific points of disagree-
2 ment for which the committee requests powers of free conference. The
3 presiding officer of each house may then give limited powers of free
4 conference only on the specific points listed. If the members of a
5 Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference cannot
6 agree on amendments, or one or both houses refuses to adopt the
7 committee report, it is then in order to appoint a Free Conference
8 Committee. A member who served on a Conference Committee or a
9 Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference may not be
10 appointed to a subsequent Conference Committee or Free Conference
11 Committee concerning the same measure. The vote on adoption of a
12 conference committee report is taken by the calling of the roll and
13 the recording of the yeas and nays in the journal. Adoption requires
14 a majority vote of the full membership of each house.