

Offered: 3/20/84  
Referred: Rules

Original sponsor: Rules Committee

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33 (Rules)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Proposing an amendment to Rule 42(a) of  
6 the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State  
7 Legislature relating to powers of con-  
8 ference committees.  
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
10 \* Section 1. Rule 42(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legis-  
11 lature is amended to read:  
12 (a) If one house refuses to concur in the amendments of the  
13 other it so notifies the amending house and requests that it recede  
14 from its amendments. The vote on receding from amendments is taken by  
15 the calling of the roll and the recording of the yeas and nays in the  
16 journal. A house recedes from its amendments only by a majority vote  
17 of the full membership of the house. If the house refuses to recede,  
18 the presiding officer of each house appoints three members to sit as a  
19 Conference Committee. The committee meets when mutually agreeable to  
20 its members. If the committee reaches agreement on previously adopted  
21 amendments to a bill adopted by either house, or on an appropriation  
22 measure reaches agreement on an amount appropriated by an item that  
23 does not exceed the higher amount appropriated by that item in a  
24 version of the bill adopted in third reading by a house, the committee  
25 then submits an identical report to each house. The report is not  
26 subject to amendment in either house. If the report is adopted by  
27 each house the bill is enrolled, signed, and transmitted to the gover-  
28 nor. If the members of the Conference Committee cannot agree on  
29 amendments, or if one or both houses refuses to adopt the committee

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