

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to Rule 42 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature
2 relating to Conference Committee reports on appropriation bills; and providing for an
3 effective date.

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

5 * **Section 1.** Rule 42(b) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended to read:
6 (b) A Free Conference Committee is appointed in the same manner as a Conference
7 Committee and may suggest in its report any new amendments clearly germane to the question.
8 When a majority of the membership of the committee from each house agrees on amendments,
9 the amendments are attached to the bill and reported back to each house in an identical report.
10 The report is not subject to amendment in either house. If the report is adopted in each house,
11 the bill is then ordered enrolled by its house of origin. If the members of a Free Conference
12 Committee fail to agree on amendments or one or both houses refuses to adopt the free
13 conference report, a second Free Conference Committee may be appointed, but no member of
14 the first committee may be reappointed. A free conference report on a measure other than an
15 appropriation bill may not be voted on by the house until at least 24 hours after the report is
16 duplicated and delivered to the chief clerk or secretary of the house for distribution to each

1 member. The chief clerk or secretary shall certify the time of delivery of the report for recording
2 in the journal. The vote on adoption of a free conference committee report is taken by the
3 calling of the roll and the recording of the yeas and nays in the journal. Adoption requires a
4 majority vote of the full membership of each house.

5 * Sec. 2. Rule 42(c) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended to read:

6 (c) A Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference or a Free
7 Conference Committee may not include in its report on an appropriation bill an item which was
8 not included in a version of that appropriation bill adopted in third reading by a house and the
9 amount appropriated by an item may not exceed the higher amount appropriated by that item in
10 a version of the bill adopted in third reading by a house. An item in an appropriation bill
11 includes a line item, an allocation, and an appropriation. The report on an appropriation bill
12 of a Conference Committee, a Conference Committee with limited powers of free
13 conference, or a Free Conference Committee may not be voted on by the house until at least
14 72 hours after the report is duplicated and delivered to the chief clerk or secretary of the
15 house for distribution to each member. The chief clerk or secretary shall certify the time
16 of delivery of the report for recording in the journal.

17 * Sec. 3. The amendments proposed by this resolution take effect immediately.