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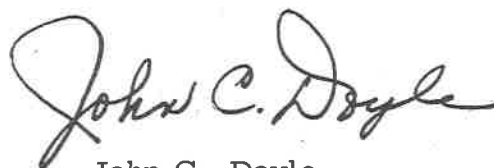
MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Suggestions for Revision of Uniform Rules  
TO: Members of the Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 31 provides for a formal and substantive revision of the Uniform Rules of the Legislature. The Chairmen of the Rules Committees have submitted their recommendations and those received from other members for substantive changes and in the near future these will be correlated with the formal changes by the Legislative Council and then reviewed for inclusion in a general revision of the Rules to be presented to the Third Legislature for adoption as its temporary rules pending adoption of permanent rules.

The Council has directed that all members be contacted for their suggestions for change while the experience of the past session is still fresh in mind. Thus far suggestions received from members have included recommendations for a change in the number and function of standing committees, the time limit on the introduction and transmittal of personal bills, the convening date of the annual sessions, a requirement that committee reports be detailed, limiting the number of resolutions that a member may introduce, and the limiting of material in the daily journal to essential elements of business.

It will be appreciated if all suggestions are submitted by July 1. Members wishing to have a work copy of the Uniform Rules will be sent one on request.



John C. Doyle  
Executive Director

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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a revision of the Uniform  
6 Rules for reference to the members of  
7 the Third Legislature.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION  
9 ASSEMBLED, THE HOUSE CONCURRING:

10 WHEREAS, the Uniform Rules of the Legislature have been in  
11 use for four legislative sessions without substantial change; and

12 WHEREAS, beyond the need for a formal revision to correct  
13 errors or shortcomings in fact, form and arrangement, a substantive  
14 revision to clarify and expand the rules to improve the legislative  
15 product and facilitate the legislative process is in order; and

16 WHEREAS, with the current session ending it would be advanta-  
17 geous to utilize the experience and consider the recommendations  
18 for change offered by the presiding officers and the general  
19 membership; and

20 WHEREAS, a comprehensive revision of the Uniform Rules could  
21 be offered to the Third Legislature for adoption as its temporary  
22 rules pending consideration and adoption of its permanent rules;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, Second  
24 Session assembled, the House of Representatives concurring that  
25 the Rules Committees are directed to solicit the views and sug-  
26 gestions of the presiding officers and members of their respective  
27 houses and submit a joint report to the Legislative Council prior  
28 to adjournment, and the Legislative Council is directed to incor-  
29 porate the substantive changes recommended and the formal changes

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1 required in a general revision of the Uniform Rules to be pre-  
2 sented to the members and members elect of the Third Legislature  
3 prior to its convening in January, 1963.

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