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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the uniform  
6 rules relating to conference commit-  
7 tees and free conference committees.

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

9 \* Section 1. Rule 41(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-  
10 ture is amended to read:

11 Rule 41. (a) If one house refuses to concur in the amendments of  
12 the other it so notifies the amending house and requests that it recede  
13 from its amendments. If the house refuses to recede, the presiding  
14 officer of each house appoints three members to sit as a Committee on  
15 Conference. The committee meets when mutually agreeable to its members  
16 and when agreement on previously adopted amendments to a bill adopted  
17 by either house is reached, the committee submits an identical report  
18 to each house. If the report is adopted by both houses the bill is  
19 enrolled, signed, and transmitted to the governor. [IT IS IN ORDER AT  
20 ANY TIME TO GRANT POWERS OF FREE CONFERENCE TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFER-  
21 ENCE.] If the members of the Committee on Conference cannot agree on  
22 amendments or one or both houses refuses to adopt its report, it is  
23 then in order to appoint a Committee on Free Conference. A member who  
24 served on a Committee on Conference may not be appointed to a sub-  
25 sequent Committee on Conference or Committee on Free Conference con-  
26 cerning the same measure. The vote on adoption of a conference com-  
27 mittee report is taken by the calling of the roll and the recording of  
28 the ayes and nays in the journal. Adoption requires a majority of the  
29 membership of the house.

1 (b) The Committee on Free Conference is appointed in the same  
2 manner as a Committee on Conference and may suggest in its report any  
3 new amendments germane to the question. When a majority of the member-  
4 ship on the committee from each house agree on amendments to be pro-  
5 posed, the amendments are attached to the bill and reported back to  
6 each house in an identical report. The report is not subject to amend-  
7 ment in either house. The report is referred to the last committee in  
8 each house to which the bill was referred for consideration. If the  
9 report is adopted in both houses the bill is then ordered enrolled by  
10 its house of origin. If the Committee on Free Conference fails to  
11 agree or its report is not adopted, a second Committee on Free Confer-  
12 ence may be appointed but no member of the first committee may be  
13 reappointed. A free conference committee report may not be voted on  
14 by the house until at least 24 hours after the report is received by  
15 the house. The vote on adoption of a free conference committee report  
16 is taken by calling of the roll and the recording of the ayes and nays  
17 in the journal. Adoption requires a majority of the membership of the  
18 house.

Original sponsor: Rules Committee

Offered: 3/31/81  
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the uniform  
6 rules relating to conference commit-  
7 tees and free conference committees.

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

9 \* Section 1. Rule 41 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-  
10 ture is amended to read:

11 RULE 41. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. (a) If one house refuses to  
12 concur in the amendments of the other it so notifies the amending house  
13 and requests that it recede from its amendments. If the house refuses  
14 to recede, the presiding officer of each house appoints three members  
15 to sit as a Committee on Conference. The committee meets when mutually  
16 agreeable to its members and when agreement on previously adopted  
17 amendments to a bill adopted by either house is reached, the committee  
18 submits an identical report to each house. If the report is adopted by  
19 both houses the bill is enrolled, signed, and transmitted to the gover-  
20 nor. If the members of the Committee on Conference cannot agree on  
21 amendments or if one or both houses refuses to adopt the report, the  
22 Committee on Conference shall submit a written report to each house  
23 listing the specific points of disagreement for which the committee  
24 requests powers of free conference. The presiding officer of each  
25 house may give limited powers of free conference only on the specific  
26 points listed. [IT IS IN ORDER AT ANY TIME TO GRANT POWERS OF FREE  
27 CONFERENCE TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE.] If the members of the  
28 Committee on Conference with limited powers of free conference cannot  
29 agree on amendments or one or both houses refuses to adopt its report,

1 it is then in order to appoint a Committee on Free Conference. A mem-  
2 ber who served on a Committee on Conference or on a Committee on Con-  
3 ference with limited powers of free conference may not be appointed to  
4 a subsequent Committee on Conference or Committee on Free Conference  
5 concerning the same measure. The vote on adoption of a conference  
6 committee report is taken by the calling of the roll and the recording  
7 of the yeas [AYES] and nays in the journal. Adoption requires a  
8 majority of the membership of the house.

9 (b) The Committee on Free Conference is appointed in the same  
10 manner as a Committee on Conference and may suggest in its report any  
11 new amendments clearly germane to the question. When a majority of the  
12 membership on the committee from each house agree on amendments [TO BE  
13 PROPOSED], the amendments are attached to the bill and reported back to  
14 each house in an identical report. The report is not subject to amend-  
15 ment in either house. The report is referred to the last committee in  
16 each house to which the bill was referred for consideration for its  
17 information; the committee shall report the bill with its recommenda-  
18 tions for or against passage of the report. If the report is adopted  
19 in both houses the bill is then ordered enrolled by its house of origin.  
20 If the Committee on Free Conference fails to agree or its report is not  
21 adopted, a second Committee on Free Conference may be appointed but no  
22 member of the first committee may be reappointed. A free conference  
23 committee report may not be voted on by the house until at least 24  
24 hours after the report is printed and distributed to each member at  
25 his desk. The vote on adoption of a free conference committee report  
26 is taken by calling of the roll and the recording of the yeas [AYES]  
27 and nays in the journal. Adoption requires a majority of the member-  
28 ship of the house.

Original sponsor: Rules Committee

Offered: 6/3/81

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 (Rules)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the uniform  
6 rules to limit amendment of bill  
7 titles and to limit powers of Free  
8 Conference Committees and making  
9 other technical amendments; and  
10 providing for an effective date.

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

12 \* Section 1. Rule 24(c) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legis-  
13 lature is amended to read:

14 (c) If a committee has more than one bill on the same subject or  
15 if it finds it necessary to revise a bill substantially, it may report  
16 out a substitute bill and recommend that the substitute be accepted for  
17 second reading in the place of the original bill. A committee of the  
18 second house may not report a committee substitute for a bill or an  
19 amendment to a bill that requires a change in the title of the bill,  
20 other than a clerical or technical change, as the title was enacted  
21 in the house of origin. Substitute bills are duplicated and distri-  
22 buted when they are reported out by the committee. Committee substitute  
23 bills carry a notation of the source or sponsor of the original bill in  
24 the manner prescribed by the drafting manual unless the sponsor objects  
25 to the [HIS OR THEIR] name so appearing.

26 \* Sec. 2. Rule 35 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature  
27 is amended to read:

28 RULE 35. AMENDMENT. A [NO] motion or proposition on a subject  
29 may not [SHALL] be admitted under color of amendment if the subject

1 matter is different from that under consideration. A motion or propo-  
2 sition on a subject that requires a change in the title of the bill  
3 as enacted in the house of origin, other than a clerical or technical  
4 change, is not in order in the second house. An [NO] amendment may not  
5 be considered by the house unless submitted in writing and read aloud  
6 by the clerk or secretary. Amendments offered by a committee shall be  
7 included in its written report and attached to the original bill. A  
8 bill in second reading is subject to amendment and is treated section  
9 by section. An [NO] amendment may not be made to a bill in its third  
10 reading, but the bill may be returned to second reading by a majority  
11 vote of the full membership of the house for the purpose of specific  
12 amendment. When action on a specific amendment in second reading is  
13 completed, the bill automatically advances to third reading. Except  
14 as provided in this rule, a [A] title may be amended or a change of  
15 sponsor made in third reading or after passage by a majority vote  
16 of the members present, but the title amendment or sponsor change  
17 [SAME] must be accomplished before the measure acted upon has been  
18 enrolled. When amendments to the body of a bill affect the numbering  
19 of sections, or passage or failure of the effective date clause affects  
20 the title, the clerk or secretary may accomplish the necessary changes  
21 without formal motion, and the [SUCH] changes shall be noted in the  
22 journal. Resolutions may be amended in the same manner as a bill.

23 \* Sec. 3. Rule 41 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature  
24 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25 (b) An amendment to a bill introduced in the other house is not  
26 in order if the amendment requires a change of the bill title other  
27 than a clerical or technical change.

28 \* Sec. 4. Rule 42 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature  
29 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

1 (c) A Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference  
2 or a Free Conference Committee may not include in its report on an  
3 appropriation bill an item which was not included in a version of that  
4 appropriation bill adopted in third reading by a house and the amount  
5 appropriated by an item may not exceed the higher amount appropriated  
6 by that item in a version of the bill adopted in third reading by a  
7 house. An item in an appropriation bill includes a line item, an  
8 allocation, and an appropriation.

9 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of (c) of this rule, a Free  
10 Conference Committee may consider and include in its report on an  
11 appropriation bill appropriations as requested by attached fiscal notes  
12 on new legislation and resolutions that have been passed by both houses.

13 (e) a Conference Committee, a Conference Committee with limited  
14 powers of free conference, or a Free Conference Committee may not adopt  
15 a report that requires a change in the title of a bill other than a  
16 clerical or technical change.

17 \* Sec. 5. The amendments made by this resolution take effect June 30,  
18 1982.