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- On page 15, line 11, after "other." insert "But no conference committee shall consider or report on any matter except that directly at issue between the two houses."
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- On page 16, beginning on line 7, strike all material through 12 "vote." on page 17, line 27, and insert the following:
- 13 "((Failure to Agree
- 14 Rule 24. In case of failure of the conferees to agree on matters directly at issue between the two houses, the committee may in addition 15 16 consider new proposed items within the scope and object of the bill in 17 conference. A report proposing new items shall include all amendments 18 to the bill or resolution agreed upon by the conference committee. The 19 proposed report may be in the form of a new bill or resolution and such 20 report must have the signatures of a majority of the members of the committee appointed from each house. 21

Report of Conference Committee, How Made Out; Whom Returned to

Rule 25. The conference committee shall submit the bill as amended together with three signed copies of its report to the house if a senate bill, and to the senate, if a house bill. A copy of the report shall be placed upon the desk of each member of the legislature at the time the report is received by this house. If this house acts to approve the report and pass the bill as amended, it shall then

1 transmit its action, the bill, and two copies of the report to the

2 other house.

Adoption of Reports

Rule 26. No floor vote may be taken on any conference committee report without a distribution to all members of a summary of additions, changes, and deletions made by the conference committee with a reference in each instance to the page and line number or numbers in the report containing said additions, changes, or deletions. The clerk and the secretary shall place the reports on the desks of the members as soon as possible.

Each house shall have twenty four hours from the time of proper receipt, by the chief clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate, and by distribution to the desks of the members before considering reports from a conference committee which has proposed new items within the scope and object of the bill in conference. The report shall be read in full.

The foregoing provisions relating to twenty-four hour intervals and reading of the report in full may be suspended by the senate or the house of representatives by two-thirds vote of the members present, or, on May 6, 1993, by a majority vote of the members present, and such suspension shall apply only to the house voting to suspend these provisions.

The report must be voted upon in its entirety and cannot be amended. The report of a conference committee may be adopted by acclamation.

Passage of a bill as amended by conference report shall be by roll call and ayes and nays shall be entered on the journals of the respective house. Passage requires a constitutional majority in both houses, except in the case of constitutional amendments, which require a two-thirds vote.))

Free Conference Committee

Rule 21. In case of failure of the conferees to agree on matters directly at issue between the two houses, a report of the items of such

disagreement including new proposed items within the scope and object 1 of the title of the bill in conference shall be made and the power of 2 3 free conference may be granted to the two houses either to the same 4 committee, or the committee may be discharged and a new committee appointed with the power of free conference, to whom only items of 5 disagreement or new items approved by one house in the disputed bill or 6 7 resolution may be committed, and the committee of free conference may report by new bill or resolution, or otherwise, and bills or 8 9 resolutions so reported shall be acted upon in the same manner as provided for reports of conference committees: PROVIDED, That the 10 house and senate shall have twenty-four hours from the time of receipt 11 12 in the house originating the conference request to consider reports from a free conference committee and shall not vote thereon until the 13 14 twenty-four-hour period shall have elapsed: PROVIDED FURTHER, That irrespective of any rule herein or any rule of either the senate or the 15 house of representatives, the foregoing provisions relating to the 16 twenty-four-hour interval will not be suspended unless the legislature 17 18 shall otherwise direct by a two-thirds vote of all of the members 19 elected to each house. Simultaneously with receipt of the report a copy of said report shall be placed upon the desk of each member of the 20 legislature. 21

Report of Conference and Free Conference Committee, How Made Out; Whom Returned to

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24 Rule 22. Three copies of the report must be prepared, and the copy of the bill as agreed to by the committee with all amendments 25 26 inserted must be returned to the house asking for such conference and 27 which is in possession of the bill but no floor vote may be taken on 28 any free conference committee report without a summary of additions, changes, and deletions made by the free conference committee with a 29 reference in each instance to the page and line number or numbers in 30 the report containing said additions, changes, or deletions; it shall 31 32 act upon such report, and if an agreement is reported, keep one of the copies of the report for its journal and duly message its action 33 together with the bill, the original copy of the report and the 34 remaining duplicate to the other house, which, if the conference report 35 be concurred in and the bill concurred in as amended, shall be the bill 36 37 that is finally passed.

The report of a free conference committee must be in writing, and 1 2 the original and two copies must be signed personally by those agreeing 3 thereto and must have the signatures of five of the six members of the 4 committee: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in the event five members of a free conference committee cannot agree on the bill or measure referred to 5 the committee, a majority of the committee may report that the 6 committee cannot agree, and request the appointment of another 7 8 committee.

Adoption of Reports

- 10 Rule 23. The report of a conference or free conference committee
 11 may be adopted by acclamation, but concurrence in the bill as amended
 12 shall be by roll call and the ayes and nays entered on the journals of
 13 the respective houses. The report must be voted upon in its entirety
 14 and cannot be amended."
- 15 Correct the table of contents as necessary.

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