SENATE RESOLUTION 8638

By Senators West and Brown

WHEREAS, The Senate adopted permanent rules for the 2003-05 biennium under Engrossed Senate Floor Resolution 8601;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Senate Rule 35, the Senate has received one day's notice from Senator West of his intent to move adoption of amendments to Senate Rule 1 and Senate Rule 7 in the manner set forth below; and

WHEREAS, The Senate desires to preserve decorum and the integrity of the Senate, allowing consideration of issues and debate to take place in a respectful manner in which all members and the public can participate without interruption or distraction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Rule 1 as set forth in Engrossed Senate Floor Resolution 8601 is amended as follows:

"2. The president shall preserve order and decorum, and in case of any disturbance, or disorderly conduct within the chamber, legislative area, legislative offices or buildings, and legislative hearing and meeting rooms, shall order the sergeant at arms to suppress the same, and may order the arrest of any person creating any disturbance within the senate chamber. The use of cellular or digital telephones is prohibited within the Senate Chamber during floor session and within a hearing room during a committee hearing, and this prohibition shall be enforced in the same manner as any other breach of order and decorum."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Rule 7 as set forth in Engrossed Senate Floor Resolution 8601 is amended as follows:

"Rule 7. 1. Indecorous conduct, boisterous or unbecoming language will not be permitted in the senate at any time. The use of cellular or digital telephones is prohibited within the Senate Chamber during floor session and within a hearing room during a committee hearing."

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8638, adopted by the Senate March 19, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR. Secretary of the Senate