



## 2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

February 25, 2009 – Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, SCHULTZ, KEDZIE, DARLING, LEIBHAM and GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives ZIPPERER, KERKMAN, VOS, GOTTLIEB, MURTHA, J. OTT, BIES, LEMAHIEU, ROTH, SPANBAUER, GUNDRUM, TOWNSEND, MURSAU and KLEEFISCH. Referred to Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations.

1     **To amend** joint rule 3 (1) (a); **relating to:** limiting the provisions that may be  
2             considered by the committee of conference.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This resolution prohibits a committee of conference from considering or agreeing on any provision that was not part of the bill or resolution, as passed in either house of the legislature, that is before the committee.

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3             **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:**

4             **SECTION 1.** Joint rule 3 (1) (a) is amended to read:

5             JOINT RULE 3 (1) (a) The usual manner of procedure is as follows: If a bill of one  
6             house has been amended and passed by the other house, and has been returned to  
7             the house of origin and the house of origin has refused to concur in an amendment,  
8             the house of origin may appoint a committee of conference and notify the other house,  
9             which shall appoint a committee of conference unless it votes to recede from its  
10            amendment. Such committees shall be appointed as provided in the rules of each  
11            house. The joint committee shall meet and state to each other, orally or in writing,

1 the reasons of their respective houses for or against the disagreement, and confer  
2 thereon, and shall report to their respective houses any agreement they arrive at by  
3 the vote of at least a majority of the members of the committee representing each  
4 house. The committee may not consider or agree on any provision that was not part  
5 of the bill or resolution, as passed in either house.

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**(END)**