



1997 SENATE RESOLUTION 2

January 6, 1997 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON SENATE ORGANIZATION.

- 1 **To amend** senate rules 24 and 50 (1); and **to create** senate rule 41 (1) (e); **relating**
2 **to:** the senate rules.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This senate resolution makes various changes to the senate rules. The resolution:

1. Amends Senate Rule 24 to provide that a member is considered present for the purposes of determining a quorum of a committee necessary to hold a public hearing if the member is connected to the hearing by means of a 2-way, audiovisual transmission.

2. Creates a new Senate Rule 41 (1) (e) authorizing the committee on senate organization, if the committee receives a standing committee's report on a bill that by statute requires review by the joint committee on finance before being passed, to rerefer that bill to the joint committee on finance on any day of any interim period between regularly scheduled floorperiods. If any bill is so rereferred, the chief clerk shall record the rereferral by an appropriate entry in the journal.

3. Amends Senate Rule 50 (1) to delete the provision that an amendment is nongermane if it would require a relating clause essentially different from the relating clause of the original proposal.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Senate rule 24 is amended to read:

5 Senate Rule 24. **Committee quorum; subcommittees.** A majority of any
6 committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Solely for the
7 purpose of determining a quorum of a committee necessary to hold a public hearing.

1 a member who is connected to the hearing by means of a 2-way, audiovisual
2 transmission shall be considered present. Subcommittees may be appointed to take
3 charge of any part of the committee's business and to report to the committee.
4 Motions to reconsider may be made in committee, before the papers are reported to
5 the senate. Rereference shall give the committee full power to act without
6 reconsidering its former action.

7 **SECTION 2.** Senate rule 41 (1) (e) is created to read:

8 Senate Rule 41 (1) (e) During any interim period between regularly scheduled
9 floorperiods, if the committee on senate organization receives a standing committee's
10 report on a bill that by statute requires review by the joint committee on finance
11 before being passed, the committee on senate organization may, on any day of the
12 interim, rerefer that bill to the joint committee on finance and, in that case, shall
13 direct the chief clerk to record the rereferral by an appropriate entry in the journal.

14 **SECTION 3.** Senate rule 50 (1) is amended to read:

15 Senate Rule 50 (1) No standing committee shall report any substitute or
16 amendment for any proposal originating in either house referred to such committee
17 nor shall the senate consider any substitute or amendment which relates to a
18 different subject, is intended to accomplish a different purpose, ~~would require a~~
19 ~~relating clause essentially different from the relating clause of the original proposal~~
20 or would totally alter the nature of the original proposal.

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