

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 8

January 16, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives MONTGOMERY, LADWIG, AINSWORTH, ALBERS, BOCK, CARPENTER, CULLEN, HUEBSCH, KESTELL, KRAWCZYK, LEIBHAM, McCORMICK, MUSSER, NASS, OLSEN, OWENS, POWERS, RHOADES, SUDER, VRAKAS, WALKER, WILLIAMS, TOWNSEND and LIPPERT, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ, ROESSLER and HARS DORF. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **To renumber** joint rule 3; and **to create** joint rule 3 (2) and (3); **relating to:**
 2 procedures for committees of conference.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This joint resolution provides that a committee of conference shall be a “closed conference” by limiting the authority of a committee of conference to reconciling the differences in the positions of the senate, assembly, and joint committee on finance. However, a committee of conference is permitted to consider any other issue that the governor finds to be an emergency issue if either the presiding officers of both houses or both chairpersons of the joint committee on finance concur in the finding.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Joint rule 3 is renumbered joint rule 3 (1).

5 **SECTION 2.** Joint rule 3 (2) is created to read:

6 Joint Rule 3 (2) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), a committee of conference
 7 shall be a “closed conference,” with the authority of the members of the committee
 8 limited to reconciling the differences in the positions of the 2 houses as reflected by
 9 the proposal, as engrossed by the first house, and the proposal, as concurred in and
 10 amended by the 2nd house, or as nonconcurrent in by the 2nd house, with any position

1 of the joint committee on finance, as reflected by an amendment or substitute
2 amendment to the proposal offered by the joint committee on finance.

3 (b) A committee of conference may consider and may recommend the approval
4 of and concurrence in any issue not authorized under par. (a) if the governor submits
5 to the committee of conference a written finding that an emergency requires the
6 inclusion of the issue in the report of the committee and either the presiding officers
7 of both houses or both cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance submit to the
8 committee a written concurrence with the finding.

9 **SECTION 3.** Joint rule 3 (3) is created to read:

10 Joint Rule 3 (3) A report of a committee of conference may not be amended and
11 may not be divided. Neither house may consider a report if it contains an agreement
12 that recommends the approval of and concurrence in any issue not authorized under
13 sub. (2).

14 (END)