DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Senator Panzer:

Attached is a preliminary draft containing the requested changes to the senate rules. As you review the draft, please note the following:

- 1. By repealing senate rule 50 (5) and (9) to (11), the draft removes specific guidance concerning the germaneness or admissibility of several types of amendments. Please review these items to ensure that you no longer intend to include them in the senate rules. Also, please note that we continued to use the term "substitute amendment" throughout proposed senate rule 50 because the term "amendment," as used in the rules, generally refers only to a simple amendment. See senate rule 99 (4).
- 2. We did not place what is currently senate rule 51 (amendments in the third degree) in senate rule 50 (germaneness) because each rule covers a distinct subject. We would not recommend placing the content of senate rule 51 in senate rule 50 because it is possible that an amendment in the third degree may nonetheless be germane. If you would like to discuss this issue further, or if you disagree, please let us know.

Please feel free to call if you would like to discuss any of these issues or if you would like the draft converted into introducible form.

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