

2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 21

October 23, 2003 – Introduced by Senators A. LASEE, PANZER and ZIEN. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **To amend** senate rule 13 and senate rule 75; **relating to:** authorizing the presiding
2 officer to order a member to be escorted off the floor of the senate.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This senate resolution authorizes the presiding officer to order a member to be escorted off the floor of the senate if the member causes a substantial disturbance or engages in substantial disorderly conduct.

Resolved by the senate, That:

4 **SECTION 1.** Senate rule 13 is amended to read:

5 Senate Rule 13. **Disturbance in lobby.** Whenever any disturbance or
6 disorderly conduct occurs on the senate floor or in the lobby or gallery, the presiding
7 officer may order the same cleared of all persons except members and officers.
8 Whenever any substantial disturbance is caused by or substantial disorderly
9 conduct is engaged in by a member on the senate floor or in the lobby or gallery while
10 the senate is sitting in session, the presiding officer may order the sergeant at arms

1 to escort the member out of the senate chamber and prevent the member's return to
2 the senate chamber for the remainder of the session day.

3 **SECTION 2.** Senate rule 75 is amended to read:

4 Senate Rule 75. **Recording position of absent member.** Any member
5 absent from all or part of a day's session by leave of the senate under rule 16 or 23
6 or pursuant to rule 13 may, within one week after returning, instruct the chief clerk
7 in writing, on a form entitled "statement of position" to be provided by the chief clerk,
8 to have the journal show that had the member been present when a certain vote was
9 taken the member would on that issue have voted aye or have voted no. If the
10 member returns before the vote is taken, the statement of position is void and the
11 member shall cast his or her vote as required under rule 73.

12 (END)