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SENATE RESOLUTION 143

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1 A SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE
2 SENATE FOR THE 1989 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
3 NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Be it resolved by the Senate:

5 Section 1. The permanent rules for the 1989 Session are as follows:

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7 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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16 **I. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

17 **RULE 1. Rules controlling the Senate of North Carolina and its**
18 **committees.**—The following rules shall govern and control all actions and procedures of
19 the Senate and its committees.

20 **RULE 2. Convening hour.**—The President shall take the Chair at the hour
21 fixed by the Senate upon adjournment on the preceding legislative day, and shall call
22 the members to order. In case the Senate adjourned on the preceding legislative day
23 without having fixed the hour of reconvening, the Senate shall reconvene on the next
24 legislative day at 1:30 p.m.

25 **RULE 3. Opening the session.**—The President shall, upon order being
26 obtained, have the sessions of the Senate opened with prayer.

1 **RULE 9. Substitution for President.**—The President shall have the right to
2 call on any member to perform the duties of the Chair, but substitution shall not extend
3 beyond one day.

4 **RULE 10. Points of order.**—(a) The President shall preserve order and
5 decorum and proceed with the business of the Senate according to the rules adopted. He
6 shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Senate by any member, on
7 which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Senate. A
8 two-thirds vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting is necessary to
9 sustain any appeal from the ruling of the chair.

10 (b) In the event the Senate Rules do not provide for, or cover any point of order
11 raised by any Senator, the rules of the United States House of Representatives shall
12 govern.

13 (c) When a Senator is called to order he shall take his seat until the President
14 determines whether he was in order or not; if decided to be out of order, he shall not
15 proceed without the permission of the Senate; and every question of order shall be
16 decided by the President, subject to an appeal to the Senate by any Senator; and if a
17 Senator is called to order for words spoken, the words excepted to shall be immediately
18 taken down in writing, that the President or Senate may be better able to judge the
19 matter.

20 **RULE 11. Debating and voting by Lieutenant Governor.**—The Lieutenant
21 Governor, as President of the Senate, being a Constitutional Officer shall not have the
22 right to debate any question or to address the Senate upon any proposition unless by
23 permission of the majority of members present, and shall have the right to vote only
24 when there is a tie vote upon any question or election.

25 **RULE 12. Obtaining recognition.**—(a) When any Senator is about to speak in
26 debate or deliver any matter to the Senate, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully
27 address the President. No member shall speak further until recognized by the President,
28 and when two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the
29 member to speak.

30 (b) A Senator who has the floor may yield the floor to another Senator only for
31 the purpose of allowing another Senator to state a question. Only the Chair may award
32 the floor to any Senator for the purposes of allowing that Senator to engage in general
33 debate.

34 (c) A Senator who has obtained the floor may be interrupted only for the
35 following reasons:

- 36 1. a request that the member speaking yield for a question,
- 37 2. a point of order, or
- 38 3. a parliamentary inquiry.

39 (d) When a Senator refers to a bill, the bill number and short title must be used.

40 **RULE 13. Recognition for extending courtesies.**—(a) Courtesies of the floor
41 and galleries shall be extended only by the President on his own motion or upon the
42 written request of a member of the Senate to former members of the General Assembly
43 or to distinguished visitors.

1 (b) Members may designate Honorary Pages by a statement delivered to the
2 Principal Clerk who will have a certificate issued therefor.

3 (c) The President may upon written request at intervals between various orders of
4 business extend courtesies to schools or other special large groups visiting in the
5 galleries while they are present, and the President shall, at such times as he deems
6 appropriate, express to those visitors in the galleries the pleasure of the Senate for their
7 presence.

8 **RULE 14. Limitations on individual debate.**—(a) No Senator shall speak on the
9 same day more than twice on the main question, nor longer than thirty minutes for the
10 first speech and fifteen minutes for the second speech. No Senator shall speak on the
11 same day more than once on an amendment or a motion to reconsider, commit, appeal
12 or postpone, and then no longer than ten minutes.

13 (b) By permission of the President any member of the Senate may address the
14 Senate from the well of the Senate for the purpose of explaining a bill or of giving an
15 invocation.

16 **RULE 15. Priority of business.**—All questions relating to priority of business
17 shall be decided without debate.

18 **RULE 16. Reading of papers.**—When the reading of a paper, other than a
19 petition, is called for, and any Senator objects to the reading, the question shall be
20 determined by the Senate without debate.

21 **RULE 17. General decorum.**—(a) Male Senators and male visitors shall
22 uncover their heads upon entering the Senate Chamber while the Senate is in session
23 and shall continue uncovered during their continuance in the Chamber, unless one's
24 religion requires his head to be covered.

25 (b) No remark reflecting personally upon the action of any Senator shall be in
26 order upon the floor of the Senate unless preceded by a motion or resolution of censure.

27 (c) When the President is putting a question, or a division by counting is in
28 progress, no Senator shall walk out of or across the Chamber, nor when a Senator is
29 speaking, pass between him and the President.

30 (d) When a motion to adjourn or for recess is affirmatively determined, no
31 member or officer shall leave his place until adjournment or recess is declared by the
32 President.

33 (e) Smoking shall not be allowed in the galleries of the Senate during sessions.

34 (f) No remark soliciting the donation of funds for the support of any person or
35 organization shall be in order upon the floor of the Senate, unless the remark has some
36 relevance to a bill or resolution before the body. No article of any kind soliciting
37 business or donations may be placed by any person anywhere in the Senate Chamber or
38 in any Senate office.

39 (g) Food or beverage shall not be permitted in the Senate Chamber, either on the
40 floor or in the galleries; however, after the Senate has remained in session for a period
41 of two hours, food and beverage shall be allowed upon the floor of the Senate.

42 (h) Reading of newspapers, magazines, periodicals or books shall not be
43 acceptable while the Senate is in session.

44 III. MOTIONS

1 RULE 18. **Motions generally.**—All motions shall be reduced to writing, if
2 desired by the President or a Senator, delivered at the table, and read by the President or
3 Reading Clerk before the same are debated; but any motion may be withdrawn by the
4 introducer at any time before decision or amendment. No motion relating to a bill shall
5 be in order which does not identify the bill by its number and short title. Except as
6 otherwise specifically provided in these rules, no second is required.

7 RULE 19. **Motion; order of precedence.**—When a question is before the
8 Senate no motion shall be received except those herein specified, which motions shall
9 have precedence as follows:

- 10 (1) To adjourn.
- 11 (2) To lay on the table.
- 12 (3) For the previous question.
- 13 (4) To postpone indefinitely.
- 14 (5) To postpone to a certain day.
- 15 (6) To commit to a standing committee.
- 16 (7) To commit to a select committee.
- 17 (8) To amend.
- 18 (9) To substitute.

19 RULE 20. **Motions requiring a second.**—The motions to adjourn, to lay on
20 the table, and to call for the previous question, shall be seconded and decided without
21 debate, and the motion to adjourn shall always be in order when made by a Senator
22 entitled to the floor.

23 RULE 21. **Motions to postpone to certain day and to commit.**—The
24 respective motions to postpone to a certain day, or to commit to a standing or select
25 committee, shall preclude debate on the main question.

26 RULE 22. (Reserved for future use).

27 RULE 23. **Motion for previous question.**—The previous question shall be as
28 follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided shall preclude all
29 amendments and debate. If this question is decided in the affirmative, the "main
30 question" shall be on the passage of the bill, resolution, or other matter under
31 consideration; but when amendments are pending, the question shall be taken upon such
32 amendments in their inverse order, without further debate or amendment: Provided, that
33 no one shall move the previous question except the chairman of the committee
34 submitting the report on the bill or other matter under consideration, or the member
35 introducing the bill or other matter under consideration, or the member in charge of the
36 measure, who shall be designated by the chairman of the committee reporting the same
37 to the Senate at the time the bill or other matter under consideration is reported to the
38 Senate or taken up for consideration.

39 RULE 24. **Motion to reconsider.**—When a question has been once put and
40 decided, any Senator who voted in the majority may move to reconsideration thereof;
41 but no motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be in order after the bill,
42 resolution, message, report, amendment, or motion upon which the vote was taken has
43 gone out of the possession of the Senate; nor shall any motion for reconsideration be in
44 order unless made on the same day or in the next following legislative day on which the

1 vote proposed to be reconsidered took place, unless the motion is made by the
2 Committee on Rules and Operation of the Senate for verbal or grammatical errors in the
3 bills, when the motion may be made at any time: Provided, that when the next
4 legislative day has by motion of the Senate been restricted as to matters which may be
5 considered, a motion to reconsider shall be in order on the next succeeding day upon
6 which regular business is conducted. No question shall be reconsidered more than once.

7 IV. VOTING

8 **RULE 25. Use of electronic voting system.**—(a) Votes on the following questions
9 shall be taken on the electronic voting system, and the ayes and noes shall be recorded
10 on the Journal:

- 11 (1) All questions on which the Constitution of North Carolina requires that
12 the ayes and noes be taken and recorded on the Journal.
- 13 (2) All questions on which a call for the ayes and noes under Rule 26(b)
14 has been sustained.
- 15 (3) Both second and third readings of bills proposing amendment of the
16 Constitution of North Carolina.

17 (b) Votes on the following questions shall be taken on the electronic voting
18 system, and a copy of the machine print-out of the votes shall be filed in the Legislative
19 Library where it shall be open to public inspections:

- 20 (1) Second reading of all public bills, all amendments to public bills
21 offered after second reading, third reading if a public bill was amended
22 after second reading, and all conference reports on public bills.
- 23 (2) Any other question upon direction of the Chair or upon motion of any
24 Senator supported by one-fifth of the Senators present.

25 (c) When the electronic voting system is used, the Chair shall fix and announce
26 the time, not to exceed one minute, which shall be allowed for voting on the question
27 before the Senate. The system shall be set to lock automatically and to record the vote
28 when that time has expired. Once the system has locked and recorded a vote, the vote
29 shall be printed by the system.

30 (d) The voting station at each Senator's desk in the Chamber shall be used only
31 by the Senator to which the station is assigned. Under no circumstances shall any other
32 person vote at a Senator's station. It is a breach of the ethical obligation of a Senator
33 either to request that another vote at the requesting Senator's station, or to vote at
34 another Senator's station. The Chair shall enforce this rule without exception.

35 (e) When the electronic voting system is used, the Chair shall state the question
36 and shall then state substantially the following: "All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed
37 vote 'no'; _____ seconds will be allowed for voting on this question; the Clerk will
38 record the vote." After the machine locks and records the vote, the Chair shall announce
39 the vote and declare the result.

40 (f) One copy of the machine print-out of the vote record shall be filed in the
41 office of the Principal Clerk, and one copy shall be filed in the Legislative Library
42 where it shall be open to public inspection.

43 (g) When the Chair ascertains that the electronic voting system is inoperative
44 before a vote is taken or while a vote is being taken on the electronic system, he shall

1 announce that fact to the Senate and any partial electronic system voting record shall be
2 voided. In such a case, if the Constitution of North Carolina or the Rules of the Senate
3 require a call of the ayes and noes, the Clerk shall call the roll of the Senate, and the
4 ayes and noes shall be taken manually and shall be recorded on the Journal. All other
5 votes shall be taken by voice vote as prescribed in Senate Rule 26(a). If, after a vote is
6 taken on the electronic system, it is discovered that a malfunction caused an error in the
7 electronic system print-out, the Chair shall direct the Reading Clerk and the Principal
8 Clerk to verify and correct the print-out record and so advise the Senate.

9 (h) For the purpose of identifying motions on which the vote is taken on the
10 electronic system (the identification codes having no relation to the order of precedence
11 of motions), the motions are coded as follows:

- 12 1. To lay on the table.
- 13 2. For the previous question.
- 14 3. To postpone indefinitely.
- 15 4. To postpone to a day certain.
- 16 5. To refer to a committee.
- 17 6. To reconsider.
- 18 7. To adopt.
- 19 8. To concur.
- 20 9. To take from the table.
- 21 10. Miscellaneous.

22 **RULE 26. Voice votes; call for ayes and noes.**—(a) When the electronic
23 voting system is not used, all votes on which a call of the roll of the Senate is not
24 required shall be taken by voice vote. The question shall be put as follows: "Those in
25 favor say 'aye,'"and, after the affirmative vote is expressed, "Opposed 'no'"; after which
26 the Chair shall announce the result. If a division on any vote is desired, it must be
27 called for immediately before the result of the voting is announced on any question, and
28 upon such call, the Chair shall require the members to stand and be counted for and
29 against the proposition under consideration.

30 (b) The ayes and the noes may be called for on any question before the vote is
31 taken. If a Senator desires the ayes and noes recorded on the Journal on a question, he
32 shall address the Chair and obtain recognition and say, "Upon that question I call for the
33 ayes and noes." Whereupon the Chair shall say, "Is the call sustained?" If one-fifth of
34 the Senators present then stand, the vote shall be taken on the electronic voting system if
35 it is operative, and the ayes and noes shall be recorded on the Journal. If the electronic
36 voting system is inoperative, the roll of the Senate shall be called and the ayes and noes
37 taken manually and recorded on the Journal. If fewer than one-fifth of the Senators
38 present stand to sustain the call, the Chair shall announce, "An insufficient number
39 up"and a vote by electronic voting or by voice, whichever is appropriate under the
40 Rules of the Senate, shall be taken.

41 **RULE 27. Pairs.**—If a Senator is paired with another Senator on a question,
42 the Senator shall announce the pair as follows: "Mr. President, I desire to announce a
43 pair. If Senator _____ were present, he would vote _____; I would vote _____ (the
44 opposite)." The Senator shall send forward at that time a written statement of the pair on

1 a form provided by the Principal Clerk and neither member of the pair shall vote on the
2 question. A pair shall be announced before the vote is taken **viva voce**, or if the
3 electronic voting system is used, before the machine is unlocked. The Clerk shall
4 record the pair on the Journal when the Constitution or Rules of the Senate require a call
5 of the roll and shall record on the electronic system print-out all pairs announced.

6 **RULE 28. Dividing question.**—If any question contains several distinct
7 propositions, it shall be divided by the President, at the request of any Senator, provided
8 each subdivision, if left to itself, forms a substantive proposition.

9 **RULE 29. Duty to vote; excuses.**—(a) Every Senator who is within the bar of
10 the Senate when the question is stated by the Chair shall vote thereon unless he is
11 excused by the Senate. The bar of the Senate shall include the entire Senate Chamber.

12 (b) Any Senator may request to be excused from voting, either immediately
13 before or after the vote has been called for and before a **viva voce** vote result has been
14 announced or before the electronic voting system has been unlocked. The Senator may
15 make a brief statement of the reasons for making such request, and shall send forward to
16 the Principal Clerk, on a form provided by the Clerk, a concise statement of the reason
17 for the request, and the Clerk shall include this statement in the Journal. The question
18 on granting of the request shall be taken without debate.

19 **RULE 30. Explanation of vote.**—Any Senator may explain his vote on any
20 bill pending by obtaining permission of the President after the final vote is taken:
21 Provided, that not more than three minutes shall be consumed in such explanation.

22 **RULE 30.1. Questions of personal privilege.**—Upon recognition by the
23 President for that purpose, any Senator may speak to a question of personal privilege for
24 a time not exceeding three minutes. Personal privilege may not be used to explain a
25 vote, debate a bill, or in any way disrupt the regular business of the Senate. The
26 President shall determine if the question raised is one of privilege and shall, without the
27 point of order being raised, enforce this rule.

28 V. COMMITTEES

29 **RULE 31. Appointment of Committees.**—(a) The President Pro Tempore of
30 the Senate shall have the exclusive right and authority to appoint the majority party's
31 membership of all committees, regular and select, and to appoint committee chairmen
32 and vice-chairmen and to establish select committees, but this does not exclude the right
33 of the Senate by resolution to establish select committees. The minority leader shall
34 have the exclusive right and authority to appoint all minority party's members of said
35 committees and appoint the ranking minority member. Upon the recommendation of
36 the committee on Rules and Operation of the Senate, the Senate may authorize by
37 majority vote of the Senators present and voting a change in the number of standing
38 committees.

39 (b) The President Pro Tempore and Minority Leader shall designate their party's
40 members to all standing committees at the beginning of the session.

41 **RULE 32. List of standing committees.**—The standing committees shall be:

42 Alcoholic Beverage Control

43 Agriculture

44 Appropriations

1 Appropriations on Education
2 Appropriations on General Government
3 Appropriations on Human Resources
4 Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety
5 Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources
6 Banks and Thrift Institutions
7 Base Budget
8 Children and Youth
9 Constitution
10 Education
11 Election Laws
12 Environment and Natural Resources
13 Finance
14 Higher Education
15 Human Resources
16 Insurance
17 Judiciary I
18 Judiciary II
19 Judiciary III
20 Local Government and Regional Affairs
21 Manufacturing and Labor
22 Marine Resources and Wildlife
23 Pensions and Retirement
24 Public Utilities
25 Rules and Operation of the Senate
26 Small Business
27 State Government
28 State Personnel
29 Transportation
30 Veteran Affairs, Law Enforcement, and Senior Citizens
31 Ways and Means

32 **RULE 33. Notice of committee meetings.**—(a) Public notice of all committee
33 meetings shall be given in the Senate. The required notice may be waived as to any
34 meeting by the attendance at that meeting of all of the members of the committee, or by
35 personal waiver.

36 (b) The chairman of the committee shall notify or cause to be notified the
37 sponsor of each bill which is set for hearing or consideration before the committee as to
38 the date, time and place of that meeting.

39 **RULE 34. Membership of Committees; Quorum.**—Membership on
40 standing committees shall consist of not more than 20 nor less than 5 Senators,
41 including the chairman and vice-chairmen and ranking minority member; provided that
42 the Appropriations Committee, Base Budget Committee, and Finance Committee shall
43 not be limited as to membership. The President Pro Tempore shall have the exclusive
44 right and authority to determine the number of members of each committee.

1 Membership of each standing committee shall with respect to each political party be in
2 the same proportion to the nearest whole person as the proportion of membership by
3 political party in the entire Senate. No Senator shall hold membership on more than 12
4 standing committees unless the committee on Rules and Operation of the Senate
5 provides otherwise.

6 A quorum of the Appropriations, Base Budget, Ways and Means, and Finance
7 Committees shall consist of a majority of the Committee. A quorum of any other
8 committee shall consist of either the chairman and 5 members or a majority of the
9 committee, whichever is fewer.

10 **RULE 35. Roll Call vote in Committee.**—No roll call vote may be taken in
11 any committee. The committee chairman may vote in committee.

12 **RULE 36. Committee meetings.**—No committee or subcommittee shall hold
13 a secret meeting, and all meetings of committees and subcommittees shall be open to
14 the public: Provided, that any committee or subcommittee has the inherent right to hold
15 an executive session when it determines that it is absolutely necessary to have such a
16 session in order to prevent personal embarrassment, or when it is in the best interest of
17 the State; and in no event shall final action be taken by any committee or subcommittee
18 except in open session.

19 **RULE 36.1. Committee minutes to Legislative Library.**—The chairman of
20 a committee shall insure that written minutes are compiled for each of the committee's
21 meetings. The minutes shall indicate the number of members present and the actions
22 taken by the committee at the meeting. Not later than 20 days after the adjournment of
23 each session of the General Assembly, the chairman, except the chairman of the
24 Appropriations, Finance, State Government, or Ways and Means Committee, shall
25 deliver the minutes to the Legislative Library. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate
26 may grant a reasonable extension of time for filing said minutes upon application of the
27 committee chairman.

28 **RULE 37.** (Reserved for interim operations rule).

29 VI. HANDLING BILLS

30 **RULE 38. Application of rules.**—With the exception of speaking from the
31 well of the Senate, all provisions of these rules applying to bills shall apply also to
32 resolutions, memorials and petitions.

33 **RULE 39. Form and copies of bills.**—(a) Unless variation is authorized by the
34 Committee on Rules and Operation of the Senate, bills submitted for introduction shall
35 be in a computer-typed form prepared by the Legislative Services Office. When a bill
36 which is introduced is not in the prescribed form, the Principal Clerk shall cause the bill
37 to be retyped in the prescribed form, and the retyped copy shall become the official
38 copy of the bill for all purposes. The original bill shall then be returned to the
39 introducer of the bill and shall not become a part of the records or documents of the
40 Senate.

41 (b) Whenever a bill is introduced, 20 copies shall be submitted to the Principal
42 Clerk. Any bill submitted without the required number of copies shall be immediately
43 returned to the introducer.

1 **RULE 39.1. Public and local bills; availability of copies of bills.**—A public
2 bill is a bill affecting 15 or more counties. A local bill is one affecting fewer than 15
3 counties. No public bill and, upon objection by a member, no local bill may be
4 considered unless copies of the bill have been made available to the entire membership
5 of the Senate.

6 **RULE 40. Introduction of bills.**—(a) Every bill filed for introduction shall contain
7 on the outside cover the title of the document and the name of the Senator or Senators
8 presenting it. Bills shall be delivered by the primary sponsor of the document or with
9 the prescribed authorization form signed by the primary sponsor to the office of the
10 Senate Principal Clerk who shall receive them during regular session according to the
11 following schedule:

12 Monday until 8:30 o'clock P.M.;

13 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday until

14 4:00 o'clock P.M.;

15 Friday until 3:00 o'clock P.M.

16 All bills shall be numbered by the Office of the Principal Clerk when filed and shall be
17 considered introduced when presented to the Senate on the next following legislative
18 day for the first reading and reference to committee.

19 (b) Filing of bills during the interim shall be under the direction of the Rules and
20 Operation of the Senate Committee as approved by the Senate.

21 (c) All memorializing, celebration, commendation, and commemoration
22 resolutions, except those honoring the memory of deceased persons, shall be excluded
23 from introduction and consideration in the Senate.

24 **RULE 40.1. Local Appropriations Bills.**—No bill providing for
25 appropriations from the State for local projects may be filed for introduction in the
26 Senate if it deals with more than one subject or object. Each bill appropriating money
27 for local projects shall be considered separately on its own merits by the appropriate
28 Appropriations Subcommittee and then by the full Appropriations Committee.

29 **RULE 41. Deadlines on Filing for Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.**

30 (a) All bills or resolutions recommended by commissions or committees
31 authorized or directed by act or resolution of the General Assembly to report to the 1989
32 Regular Session of the General Assembly, or to report prior to convening of that
33 session, must be filed for introduction not later than the last Thursday in February
34 (February 23) of the first year of the biennial session; provided that any such measure
35 submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 p.m.
36 on that date and filed for introduction in the Senate before 3:00 p.m. on the next
37 Thursday (March 2) shall be treated as if it had been filed for introduction pursuant to
38 this subsection.

39 (a1) All bills prepared to be introduced by departments, agencies, or institutions of
40 the State must be filed for introduction not later than the second Thursday in March
41 (March 9) of the first year of the biennial session; provided that any such measure
42 submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 p.m.
43 on that date and filed for introduction in the Senate before 3:00 p.m. on the next

1 Thursday (March 16) shall be treated as if it had been filed for introduction pursuant to
2 this subsection.

3 (a2) All local bills must be filed for introduction not later than the third Thursday
4 in March (March 16) of the first year of the biennial session; provided that any such
5 measure submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office by
6 4:00 p.m. on that date and filed for introduction in the Senate before 3:00 p.m. on the
7 next Thursday (March 23) shall be treated as if it had been filed for introduction
8 pursuant to this subsection.

9 (a3) All resolutions, except those honoring the memory of deceased persons or
10 adjourning the General Assembly must be filed for introduction not later than the first
11 Thursday in May (May 4) of the first year of the biennial session; provided that any
12 such measure submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office
13 by 4:00 p.m. on that date and filed for introduction in the Senate before 3:00 p.m. on the
14 next Thursday (May 11) shall be treated as if it had been filed for introduction pursuant
15 to this subsection.

16 (a4) All public bills not containing appropriations or not requiring to be referred to
17 the Committee on Finance by Rule 42 must be filed for introduction not later than the
18 last Thursday in March (March 30) of the first year of the biennial session; provided
19 that any such measure submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative
20 Services Office by 4:00 p.m. on that date and filed for introduction in the Senate before
21 3:00 p.m. on the next Thursday (April 6) shall be treated as if it had been filed for
22 introduction pursuant to this subsection.

23 (a5) All public bills containing appropriations or requiring to be referred to the
24 Committee on Finance by Rule 42 must be filed for introduction not later than the last
25 Thursday in April (April 27) of the first year of the biennial session; provided that any
26 such measure submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office
27 by 4:00 p.m. on that date and filed for introduction in the Senate before 3:00 p.m. on the
28 next Thursday (May 4) shall be treated as if it had been filed for introduction pursuant
29 to this subsection.

30 (a6) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting
31 shall be required to file for introduction any bill or resolution after the dates established
32 by this section.

33 (a7) Except for subsection (c), this rule shall not apply to any reconvened session
34 following the adjournment of the first year of the biennial session.

35 (b) In order to be eligible for consideration by the Senate during the first regular
36 session, all House Bills other than those required to be referred to the Committee on
37 Finance by Rule 42, appropriations bills or adjournment resolutions, must be received
38 and read on the floor of the Senate as a message from the House no later than May 11 of
39 the first regular session; provided that a message from the House received by the next
40 legislative day stating that a bill has passed its third reading and is being engrossed shall
41 comply with the requirements of this subsection and provided that the House has a
42 similar rule.

1 (c) No Senate local appropriations bill may be filed for introduction in the Senate
2 during the second year of the biennial session unless it is filed for introduction on or
3 before June 16 of the second year of the biennial session.

4 RULE 41.1. Relationship between Ways and Means Committee and other
5 committees dealing with money matters; relationship between these other committees
6 dealing with money matters.—In those instances specified herein, the Committee on
7 Ways and Means shall have responsibility for final consideration of bills dealing with
8 money matters before the bills are considered on the floor of the Senate. Upon the
9 agreement of the chairmen or cochairmen of any two of the following committees:
10 Appropriations, Finance, and Ways and Means, any bill reported favorably from the
11 Committee on Appropriations or the Committee on Finance shall be re-referred by the
12 President to the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration. Bills referred to the
13 Committee on Appropriations by the President may be referred by the Chairman of the
14 Committee on Appropriations to the Appropriations Committee on Human Resources,
15 Appropriations Committee on Education, Appropriations Committee on General
16 Government, Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety, or Appropriations
17 Committee on Natural and Economic Resources for a report back to the Committee on
18 Appropriations.

19 RULE 42. **References of appropriations and finance bills.**—All bills
20 introduced in the Senate providing for appropriations from the State, or any subdivision
21 thereof, shall, before being considered by the Senate, be referred to the Committee on
22 Appropriations, and bills referred to other committees carrying any such provisions
23 shall be reported to the Senate as being bills to be referred to the Appropriations
24 Committee before proper action may be taken by the Senate. All bills introduced in the
25 Senate providing for bond issues, levying taxes, or in any manner affecting the taxing
26 power of the State or any subdivision thereof, shall, before being considered by the
27 Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance, and bills referred to other committees
28 carrying any such provisions shall be reported to the Senate as being bills to be referred
29 to the Finance Committee before proper action may be taken by the Senate.

30 RULE 42.1. **Fiscal notes.**—(a) The chairman or cochairmen or vice-chairman of the
31 Appropriations Committee, of the Finance Committee or of the Rules Committee, or of
32 the Ways and Means Committee, upon the floor of the Senate, may request that a fiscal
33 analysis be made of a bill, resolution or an amendment to a bill or resolution which is in
34 the possession of the Senate and that a fiscal note be attached to the measure, when in
35 the opinion of that chairman or vice-chairman the fiscal effects of that measure are not
36 apparent from the language of the measure.

37 (b) The fiscal note shall be filed and attached to the bill or amendment within two
38 legislative days of the request. If it is impossible to prepare a fiscal note within two
39 legislative days, the Director of Fiscal Research shall, in writing, so advise the Presiding
40 Officer, the Principal Clerk, and the member introducing or proposing the measure and
41 shall indicate the time when the fiscal note will be ready.

42 (c) The fiscal note shall be prepared by the Fiscal Research Division on a form
43 approved by the Rules Committee as to content and form and signed by the staff
44 member or members preparing it. If no estimate in dollars is possible, the fiscal note

1 shall indicate the reasons that no estimate is provided. The fiscal note shall not
2 comment on the merit but may identify technical problems. The Fiscal Research
3 Division shall make the fiscal note available to the membership of the Senate.

4 (d) A sponsor of a bill or amendment may deliver a copy of his bill or
5 amendment to the Fiscal Research Division for the preparation of a fiscal note. The
6 sponsor shall attach the fiscal note to the bill when he files the bill or to the amendment
7 when he moves its adoption.

8 (e) The sponsor of a bill or amendment to which a fiscal note is attached who
9 objects to the estimates and information provided may reduce to writing his objections.
10 These objections shall be appended to the fiscal note attached to the bill or amendment
11 and to the copies of the fiscal note available to the membership.

12 (f) Subsection (a) of this rule shall not apply to the current operations appropriations
13 bill or the capital improvements appropriations bill. This rule shall not apply to a bill or
14 amendment requiring an actuarial note under these rules.

15 **RULE 42.2. Actuarial notes.**—(a) Every bill or resolution proposing any change
16 in the law relative to any State-administered retirement or pension system shall have
17 attached to it at the time of its consideration by any committee a brief explanatory
18 statement or note which shall include a reliable estimate of the financial and actuarial
19 effect of the proposed change to that retirement or pension system. The actuarial note
20 shall be attached to the jacket of each proposed bill or resolution which is reported
21 favorably by any committee, shall be separate therefrom, and shall be clearly designated
22 as an actuarial note.

23 (b) The sponsor of the bill or resolution shall present a copy of the measure, with
24 his request for an actuarial note, to the Fiscal Research Division which shall prepare the
25 actuarial note as promptly as possible but not later than two weeks after the request is
26 made. Actuarial notes shall be prepared in the order of receipt of request and shall be
27 transmitted to the sponsor of the measure. The actuarial note of the Fiscal Research
28 Division shall be prepared and signed by an actuary.

29 (c) The sponsor of the bill or resolution shall also present a copy of the measure
30 to the chief administrative officer of the retirement or pension system affected by the
31 measure. The chief administrative officer shall have an actuarial note prepared by the
32 system's actuary on the measure and shall transmit the note to the sponsor of the
33 measure not later than two weeks after the request is received. The actuarial note shall
34 be attached to the jacket of the measure.

35 (d) The note shall be factual and shall, if possible, provide a reliable estimate of
36 both the immediate effect and, if determinable, the long range fiscal and actuarial effect
37 of the measure. If, after careful investigation, it is determined that no dollar estimate is
38 possible, the note shall contain a statement to that effect, setting forth the reasons why
39 no dollar estimate can be given. No comment or opinion shall be included in the
40 actuarial note with regard to the merits of the measure for which the note is prepared.
41 Technical and mechanical defects in the measure may be noted.

42 (e) When any committee reports a measure to which an actuarial note is attached
43 at the time of committee consideration, with any amendment of such nature as would
44 substantially affect the cost to or the revenues of any retirement or pension system, the

1 chairman of the committee reporting the measure shall obtain from the Fiscal Research
2 Division an actuarial note of the fiscal and actuarial effect of the proposed amendment.
3 The actuarial note shall be attached to the jacket of the measure. An amendment to any
4 bill or resolution shall not be in order if the amendment affects the costs to or the
5 revenues of a State-administered retirement or pension system, unless the amendment is
6 accompanied by an actuarial note, prepared by the Fiscal Research Division, as to the
7 actuarial effect of the amendment.

8 (f) The Fiscal Research Division shall make all relevant actuarial notes available
9 to the membership of the Senate.

10 **RULE 42.3. Assessment reports.**—Every legislative proposal introduced in
11 the Senate proposing the establishment of an occupational or professional licensing
12 board or a study for the need to establish such a board shall have attached to the jacket
13 of the original bill at the time of its consideration on second or third readings by the
14 Senate or by any committee of the Senate prior to a favorable report, an assessment
15 report from the Legislative Committee on New Licensing Boards, pursuant to Article
16 18A of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. The assessment report shall not constitute
17 any part of the expression of legislative intent proposed by the formation of a licensing
18 board.

19 Upon receipt of the request the Legislative Committee on New Licensing
20 Boards shall prepare and return the assessment report as soon as possible but not later
21 than 60 days, reserving the right to extend this time to 90 days. A supplementary report
22 shall be prepared and submitted to the requesting Senator not later than 30 days after the
23 receipt of the request.

24 **RULE 42.4. Content of Appropriations Bills.**—(a) No provision changing existing
25 law shall be contained in any of the following bills: (1) the Current Operations
26 Appropriations Bill; (2) the Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill; (3) any bill
27 generally revising appropriations for the second fiscal year of a biennium.

28 (b) No amendment to any bill listed in subsection (a) of this rule shall be in order
29 if the language is prohibited by that subsection.

30 (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this section, any of the bills listed
31 in subsection (a) of this section or an amendment to such bill may change existing law if
32 the change:

- 33 (1) Alters expenditures or salaries;
- 34 (2) Changes the scope or character of a program which must be reduced,
35 increased, or changed because of an increase or decrease of funds
36 appropriated for the program or because of changes in federal law or
37 regulation; or
- 38 (3) Modifies any function of State government which necessitates a
39 transfer of funds from one department to another;

40 provided, that for a provision to be in order under this subsection, it must be
41 recommended to the General Assembly in a written report adopted by the
42 Appropriations Committee before or at the same time the bill is reported, or if such
43 provision is contained in a floor amendment, the sponsor of the amendment must

1 present to the Principal Clerk at or before the time the amendment is offered an
2 explanation of the amendment for distribution to each member of the Senate.

3 **RULE 42.5. Appropriations Committee Meetings.**—Notwithstanding the
4 provisions of G.S. 143-14, and pursuant to the last sentence thereof, the Appropriations
5 Chairman may in his or her sole discretion direct that the Appropriations Committee or
6 its subcommittees or both may consider the budget and the budget plan including all
7 appropriations in separate meetings from the House of Representatives and may do all
8 things set forth in said Statute separately from the House of Representatives.

9 **RULE 43. First Reading; Reference to Committee.**—All bills filed upon
10 presentation to the Senate shall be read in regular order of business by their number and
11 title which shall constitute the first reading of the bill and unless otherwise disposed of
12 the Reading Clerk shall announce the referral of the bill which shall have been referred
13 by the Principal Clerk of the Senate under the supervision of the Chairman of the
14 Committee on Rules and Operation of the Senate or in his absence the Vice-Chairman
15 of said Committee. The Principal Clerk shall inform the Presiding Officer of the
16 referral. The title and referral shall be entered upon the Journal.

17 Bills may be referred to more than one committee serially, i.e. "S.B. _____ is
18 referred to the Committee on Agriculture and upon a favorable report referred to the
19 Appropriations Committee."

20 **RULE 44. Bills to receive three readings.**—Every bill shall receive three
21 readings previous to being passed, and the President shall give notice at each whether it
22 be the first, second, or third. After the first reading, unless a motion is made by some
23 Senator, the Reading Clerk shall announce the referral as set forth in Rule 43. No bill
24 shall be amended upon the floor of the Senate until it has been twice read. Senate
25 simple resolutions shall not require three readings.

26 **RULE 44.1. Vote required on public bills or resolutions filed after May**
27 **21.**—No public bill or resolution filed in either house, during the first year of the regular
28 session after May 21, shall pass either its second or third readings unless voted on
29 affirmatively by two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the Senate present and voting.
30 This subsection shall not apply to a bill or resolution proposing adjournment, an
31 emergency appropriation, continuance and/or expansion of the State budget, or changes
32 in State revenues; proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment; or calling for a
33 constitutional convention; or to bills authorized for introduction during the reconvened
34 session under the resolution adjourning the session held during the first year of the
35 biennium.

36 **RULE 45. Reports of committees.**—Every Senator presenting a report of a
37 committee shall endorse the report with the name of the committee and, in case of a
38 minority report, with the names of the members making the report. The report of the
39 committee shall show that a majority of the committee was present and voted. Every
40 report of the committee upon a bill or resolution shall stand upon the general orders
41 with the bill or resolution. No committee shall report a bill or resolution without
42 prejudice.

43 **RULE 45.1. Action on amendment before re-referral.**—If any committee
44 recommends adoption of an amendment or committee substitute of a bill which, under

1 the rules of the Senate must be referred to the Committee on Appropriations or
2 Committee on Finance, the amendment or committee substitute shall be considered and,
3 if adopted, the amendment or substitute engrossed before the bill is re-referred.

4 **RULE 46. Unfavorable report by committee.**—(a) All bills reported
5 unfavorably by the committee to which they were referred, and having no minority
6 report, shall lie upon the table, but may be taken from the table, and placed upon the
7 calendar by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

8 (b) When a bill is reported by a committee with an unfavorable report, but
9 accompanied by a minority report, signed by at least three members of the committee
10 who were present and who voted on the bill when the bill was considered in committee,
11 then the minority report shall be placed on the calendar and considered the following
12 day, and the question before the Senate shall be "The adoption of the Minority Report."
13 If the minority report is adopted by a majority vote, the bill shall be placed upon the
14 calendar; if the minority report is not adopted, the bill shall lie upon the table.

15 **RULE 47. Recall of bill from committee.**—When a bill has been introduced
16 and referred to a committee, if after 10 days the committee has failed to report thereon,
17 then the author of the bill may, after three days' public notice given in the Senate and
18 delivered in writing to the chairman of the committee, on motion supported by a vote of
19 two-thirds of the membership of the Senate present and voting, recall the bill from the
20 committee to the floor of the Senate for consideration and such action thereon as a
21 majority of the Senators present may direct. This rule shall not be temporarily
22 suspended without one day's notice on the motion given in the Senate and delivered in
23 writing to the chairman of the committee and to sustain that motion two-thirds of the
24 membership of the Senate present and voting shall be required.

25 **RULE 48. Calendar; order to be followed.**—The President and the Principal
26 Clerk of the Senate shall see that all bills are acted upon by the Senate in the order in
27 which they stand upon the calendar, unless otherwise ordered as hereinafter provided.
28 The published calendar shall include all bills reported favorably from committees, or
29 reported with a minority report attached, or placed on the calendar on motion: Provided,
30 that the published local calendar may carry the number of each bill, the county or
31 counties referred to, and an abbreviated statement of the title of the bill.

32 **RULE 49. Considering bills out of regular order.**—Except as provided in
33 Rule 50, any bill or other matter may be taken up out of order upon order of the
34 President or upon motion sustained by a majority of the membership of the Senate.

35 **RULE 50. Third reading requirements.**—No bill on its third reading shall
36 be acted upon out of the regular order in which it stands on the calendar, and no bill
37 shall be acted upon on its third reading the same day on which it passed its second
38 reading, unless so ordered by two-thirds of the membership of the Senate present and
39 voting.

40 **RULE 51. Special orders.**—Any bill or other matter may be made a special
41 order for a particular day or hour by a vote of the majority of the Senators voting, and if
42 action on the bill is not completed on that day, it shall be returned to its place on the
43 calendar, unless it is made a special order for another day; and when a special order is
44 under consideration it shall take precedence over any special order or subsequent order

1 for the day, but such subsequent order may be taken up immediately after the previous
2 special order has been disposed of.

3 **RULE 52. Procedure when necessary number of Senators not present.**—
4 If, on taking the question on a bill, it appears that a constitutional quorum is not present,
5 or if the bill requires a vote of a certain proportion of all the Senators to pass it, and it
6 appears that such number is not present, the bill shall be again read and the question
7 taken thereon; if the bill fails a second time for the want of the necessary number being
8 present and voting, the bill shall not be finally lost, but shall be returned to the calendar
9 in its proper order.

10 **RULE 53. Effect of defeated bill.**—(a) After a bill has been tabled, or has
11 failed to pass on any of its readings, the contents of such bill or the principal provisions
12 of its subject matter shall not be embodied in any other measure. Upon the point of
13 order being raised and sustained by the Chair, such measure shall be laid upon the table,
14 and shall not be taken therefrom except by a vote of two-thirds of the membership of the
15 Senate present and voting: Provided, no local bill shall be held by the Chair as
16 embodying the provisions, or being identical with any statewide measure which has
17 been laid upon the table or failed to pass any of its readings.

18 (b) When a bill has been postponed indefinitely by the Senate, the bill shall lie
19 upon the table, and shall not be taken therefrom except by a vote of two-thirds of the
20 membership of the Senate present and voting.

21 **RULE 54. Taking bill from table.**—No bill which has been laid upon the
22 table shall be taken therefrom except by a vote of two-thirds of the membership of the
23 Senate present and voting.

24 **RULE 54.1. Bill title.**—The title of each bill shall adequately and fairly reflect
25 its subject matter.

26 **RULE 55. Amending titles of bills.**—When a bill is materially modified or
27 the scope of its application extended or decreased, or if the county, or counties, to which
28 it applies is changed, the title of the bill shall be changed by the Senator introducing the
29 bill or by the committee having it in charge, or by the Principal Clerk, so as to indicate
30 the full purport of the bill as amended and the county or counties to which it applies.

31 **RULE 56. Corrections of typographical errors in bills.**—The Enrolling
32 Clerk is authorized to make corrections of typographical errors in the text of bills at any
33 time prior to ratification. Before the correction is made, the Enrolling Clerk shall have
34 the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Operation of the Senate.

35 **RULE 57. Conference committee.**—Whenever the Senate fails to concur in
36 amendments or committee substitutes put by the House to a bill originating in the
37 Senate, or whenever the House of Representatives fails to concur in amendments or
38 committee substitutes put by the Senate to a bill originating in the House, a conference
39 committee shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or in his
40 absence the Deputy President Pro Tempore, upon motion, and the bill under
41 consideration shall thereupon go to and be considered by the joint conferees on the part
42 of the Senate and House of Representatives. In considering matters in difference
43 between the Senate and House committed to the conferees, only such matters as are in
44 difference between the two houses shall be considered by the conferees, and the

1 conference report shall deal only with such matters. The conference report shall not be
2 amended. Except as herein set out, the rules of the United States House of
3 Representatives shall govern the appointment, conduct, and reports of the conferees.

4 **RULE 57.1. Amendments and committee substitutes adopted by the House to**
5 **bills originating in the Senate.**—(a) Whenever the House has adopted an
6 amendment or a committee substitute for a bill originating in the Senate, and has
7 returned the bill to the Senate for concurrence in that amendment or committee
8 substitute, the Senate may not concur in that amendment or committee substitute until
9 the next legislative day following the day on which the Senate receives that measure.

10 (b) The Presiding Officer may, and upon motion supported by a majority of the
11 Senate present and voting, shall refer the bill to an appropriate committee for
12 consideration of the amendment or committee substitute.

13 (c) The Presiding Officer shall, in placing the bill on the calendar, rule whether
14 the amendment or committee substitute is a material amendment under Article II,
15 Section 23, of the State's Constitution. If the measure is referred to committee, the
16 committee shall:

- 17 i. Report the bill with the recommendation either that the Senate concur
18 or that the Senate do not concur; and
- 19 ii. Advise the Presiding Officer as to whether or not the amendment or
20 committee substitute is a material amendment under Article II, Section
21 23, of the State's Constitution.

22 (d) If the amendment or committee substitute for a bill is not a material
23 amendment, the question before the Senate shall be concurrence.

24 (e) If the amendment or committee substitute for a bill is a material amendment,
25 the receiving of that bill on messages shall constitute first reading and the question
26 before the Senate shall be concurrence on second reading. If the motion is passed, the
27 question then shall be concurrence on third reading on the next legislative day.

28 (f) No committee substitute adopted by the House to a bill originating in the
29 Senate may be amended by the Senate.

30 **RULE 58. Certification of passage of bills.**—The Principal Clerk shall
31 certify the passage of bills by the Senate, with the date thereof, together with the fact
32 whether passed by vote of three-fifths or two-thirds of the membership of the Senate
33 present and voting, whenever such vote may be required by the Constitution or laws of
34 the State.

35 **RULE 59. Transmittal of bills to House.**—No bill shall be sent from the
36 Senate on the day of its passage except on the last day of the session, unless otherwise
37 ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

38 **RULE 59.1. Engrossment.**—Bills and resolutions, except those making
39 appropriations, which originate in the Senate and which are amended shall be engrossed
40 before being sent to the House.

41 **VII. LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

42 **RULE 60. Pages.**—The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint
43 pages. The President Pro Tempore, or such person as he may designate, shall supervise
44 the pages and assign to them their duties. Each page shall be at least 14 years of age.

1 former members of the General Assembly; and persons particularly invited and
2 extended the privileges of the floor by the President shall be admitted to the floor of the
3 Senate during its session. Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, no
4 registered lobbyist shall be admitted to the floor of the Senate or Senate Chamber while
5 the Senate is in session.

6 **RULE 68. Privileges of the floor.**—Any group or individual other than
7 members of the Senate who desires to make remarks upon the floor of the Senate will
8 first obtain approval of the Committee on Rules and Operation of the Senate.

9 **RULE 69. News media.**—The President is authorized to assign area and
10 equipment on the floor of the Senate for the use of the representatives of news media;
11 and the President shall provide regulations for the operation of the representatives of the
12 news media on the floor of the Senate.

13 **RULE 70. Absence without leave.**—No Senator or officer of the Senate shall
14 depart the service of the Senate without leave, or receive pay as a Senator or officer for
15 the time he is absent without leave.

16 **RULE 71. Placing material on Senators' desks.**—Any person other than a
17 member of the Senate desiring to place articles of any kind on or about desks in the
18 Senate Chamber or in the offices of the members of the Senate shall make written
19 application to, and obtain written approval from the Principal Clerk.

20 **RULE 72. Assignment of seats; offices.**—(a) The President Pro Tempore of
21 the Senate shall assign seats in the Senate Chamber to the members elected. In making
22 such assignments, each member elected to the immediate preceding session of the
23 Senate shall be entitled to the seat occupied by him or to his selection of any other seat
24 vacated. The President Pro Tempore, when assigning seats, shall give preferential
25 consideration to the respective members according to the length of service which each
26 member has rendered in the Senate. No incumbent appointed to fill an unexpired term
27 in the immediate preceding session shall retain the seat if requested by a Senator elected
28 to said session.

29 (b) Not later than two days after the initial committee assignments become final,
30 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate is authorized to make assignments of
31 committee rooms and offices to designated committees, chairmen, and members of the
32 Senate. The office adjacent to any committee room assigned to a principal committee
33 by the President Pro Tempore shall be automatically assigned to the chairman of the
34 principal committee. In making such assignments of individual offices, the President
35 Pro Tempore shall give preferential consideration to the respective members according
36 to the length of service which each member has rendered in the Senate.

37 **RULE 73. Administrative rules and regulations involving Senate**
38 **employees.**—All administrative rules, regulations and orders involving all individuals
39 employed to perform duties for the Senate, other than those appointed by the Principal
40 Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms, shall be first approved by the Committee on Rules and
41 Operation of the Senate.

42 **RULE 74. Notice of public hearings.**—Notice shall be given not less than
43 five calendar days prior to public hearings. Such notices shall be issued as information

1 for the press and the information shall be posted in the places designated by the
2 Principal Clerk.

3 **RULE 75. Public hearings, filing of written statements.**—Persons desiring
4 to appear and be heard at a public hearing are encouraged to file with the chairman of
5 the committee a brief or a written statement of the remarks to be made at least 24 hours
6 before the time of the hearing.

7 **RULE 76. Voting in joint sessions.**—When any Senate Committee sits
8 jointly with the House Committee, the Senate Committee reserves the right to vote
9 separately from the House Committee.

10 **RULE 77. Alterations, suspension or rescission of rules.**—(a) These rules may
11 not be permanently rescinded or altered except by Senate simple resolution passed by a
12 two-thirds vote of the membership of the Senate. The introducer of the resolution must,
13 on the floor of the Senate, give notice of his intent to introduce the resolution on the
14 legislative day preceding its introduction.

15 (b) Except as otherwise provided herein, the Senate, upon two-thirds vote of the
16 membership of the Senate present and voting, may temporarily suspend any of these
17 rules.

18 Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon its adoption.