

By motion, referred to the Committee on RULES AND LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION MAR 10 2016

1.1  moves to amend Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 11, insert:

1.3 "(4) Joint Rule 2.06 is amended as follows: In all cases of disagreement between
1.4 the Senate and House on amendments adopted by either house to a bill, memorial or
1.5 resolution passed by the other house, a Conference Committee consisting of not less than
1.6 three members nor more than five members from each house may be requested by either
1.7 house. The other house shall appoint a similar committee.

1.8 The manner of procedure shall be as follows: The house of origin passes a bill and
1.9 transmits it to the other body. If the other body adopts an amendment to the bill and passes
1.10 it as amended, it shall return the bill with a record of its actions to the house of origin.
1.11 If the house of origin refuses to concur in the amendment, it shall ask for a Conference
1.12 Committee, appoint such a committee on its part, and transmit the bill with a record of its
1.13 action to the other house. If the other house adheres to its amendment, it shall appoint a
1.14 like committee and return the bill to the house of origin.

1.15 All Conference Committees shall be open to the public.

1.16 As much as practical, meetings of Conference Committees shall be announced as far
1.17 in advance as possible, with the intent to provide a 24-hour notice, and actions taken shall
1.18 be agreed upon in an open meeting. At an agreed upon hour the Conference Committee
1.19 shall meet. The members from each house shall state to the members from the other house,
1.20 orally or in writing, the reason for their respective positions. The members shall confer
1.21 thereon. A conference committee may not meet between the hours of midnight and 7:00
1.22 a.m., except that a committee may extend a meeting for up to one hour past midnight by a
1.23 vote of two-thirds of the members appointed to the committee by each house. The chair
1.24 shall rotate between the Senate and the House of Representatives at least every calendar
1.25 day, Sundays and holidays excepted. The conferees shall report to their respective houses
1.26 the agreement they have reached, or, if none, the fact of a disagreement.

- 2.1 If an agreement is reported, the house of origin shall act first upon the report. A
- 2.2 Conference Committee report must be limited to provisions that are germane to the bill
- 2.3 and amendments that were referred to the Conference Committee. A provision is not
- 2.4 germane if it relates to a substantially different subject or is intended to accomplish a
- 2.5 substantially different purpose from that of the bill and amendment that were referred to
- 2.6 the Conference Committee.
- 2.7 A Conference Committee report may not appropriate a larger sum of money than the
- 2.8 larger of the bill or the amendments that were referred to the Conference Committee unless
- 2.9 the additional appropriation is authorized by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- 2.10 and the Majority Leader of the Senate.
- 2.11 A Conference Committee report may not delegate rulemaking to a department
- 2.12 or agency of state government or exempt a department or agency of state government
- 2.13 from rulemaking unless the delegation or exemption was included in either the bill or the
- 2.14 amendment that was referred to the Conference Committee.
- 2.15 A Conference Committee report may not create a new commission, council, task
- 2.16 force, board, or other body to which a member of the legislature may be appointed
- 2.17 unless the body was created in either the bill or the amendment that was referred to the
- 2.18 Conference Committee.
- 2.19 If the report is adopted and repassed as amended by the Conference Committee by
- 2.20 the house of origin, the report, the bill and a record of its action shall be transmitted
- 2.21 to the other house.
- 2.22 ~~Except after the last Thursday on which the Legislature can meet in regular session in~~
- 2.23 ~~odd-numbered years, and after the last Thursday on which the Legislature intended, when~~
- 2.24 ~~it adopted the concurrent resolution required by Rule 2.03, to meet in regular session in~~
- 2.25 ~~even-numbered years, A written or electronic copy of a report of a Conference Committee~~
- 2.26 ~~shall be placed on the desk of each member of a house, or delivered electronically, twelve~~
- 2.27 ~~24~~ hours before action on the report by that house. If the report has been reprinted in the
- 2.28 Journal of either house for a preceding day and is available to the members, the Journal
- 2.29 copy shall serve as the written report. The member presenting the Conference Committee
- 2.30 report to the body shall disclose, either in writing or orally, the substantial changes from
- 2.31 the bill or the amendment as they were last before the body.
- 2.32 (5) House Rule 1.15 is amended as follows: DISPOSITION OF SENATE FILES.
- 2.33 (a) A Senate File received by the House that is accompanied by a message announcing its
- 2.34 passage by the Senate must be referred to the appropriate standing committee or division
- 2.35 under Rule 1.11. But if a Senate File is received that a member requests be compared to a
- 2.36 House File already reported by a standing committee or division of the House and placed

- 3.1 on the General Register or on the Calendar for the Day, the Senate File must be referred to
- 3.2 the Chief Clerk for comparison. The Chief Clerk shall report whether the Senate File is
- 3.3 identical or not identical to the House File and the Senate File may, by majority vote, be
- 3.4 substituted for the House File and take its place. The fact that the bills are identical or not
- 3.5 identical must be entered in the Journal and the House File is then considered withdrawn.
- 3.6 (b) A Senate File that is amended on the floor of the House, except at the time of
- 3.7 final passage, and a Senate File that has been reported to the House with amendments by a
- 3.8 House standing committee or division, must be unofficially engrossed and reprinted by the
- 3.9 Chief Clerk. An amendment may be offered to an unofficial engrossment of a Senate File.
- 3.10 (c) A motion to concur in Senate amendments to a House File is not in order until 24
- 3.11 hours after the Speaker announces receipt of a message from the Senate indicating that
- 3.12 the Senate seeks House concurrence in its amendments."

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Chief Clerk,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES