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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ADOPTING JOINT RULE 23A TO PROVIDE  
 2 THAT MEETINGS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES ON GENERAL OR REVENUE BILLS  
 3 AND ON RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SHALL BE  
 4 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; TO PROVIDE THAT NOTICE OF SUCH CONFERENCE  
 5 COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHALL BE GIVEN IN BOTH THE SENATE AND THE  
 6 HOUSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
 8 OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That the following  
 9 shall be adopted as Rule 23A of the 2000-2004 Joint Rules of the  
 10 Mississippi Senate and House:

11 "23A. All official meetings of any conference committee on a  
 12 general or revenue bill or on a resolution proposing a  
 13 constitutional amendment shall be open to the public at all times  
 14 unless declared an executive session in accordance with the  
 15 provisions of Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. For  
 16 purposes of this rule, the terms "general or revenue bill" and  
 17 "resolution proposing a constitutional amendment" include those  
 18 measures considered as either a general bill, a revenue bill or a  
 19 constitutional amendment for deadline purposes under Joint Rule  
 20 40. The chairman of each Senate and House committee to which such  
 21 bills or resolutions are first referred shall designate one (1) to  
 22 three (3) rooms in which official meetings of the conference  
 23 committees pertaining to such bills and resolutions shall be held.

24 For the 2001 Regular Session, the designation of the rooms shall

25 be announced within three (3) legislative days after adoption of  
26 this rule, and for subsequent sessions, the designation of the  
27 rooms shall be announced not later than the third legislative day  
28 of each session. Copies of a list of these rooms shall be  
29 available in the respective offices of the committee chairmen.  
30 This announcement shall constitute notice of the place of the  
31 official meetings of conference committees and notice that the  
32 time of each meeting shall not be announced individually. If a  
33 conference committee meets in a location other than a designated  
34 room, a written notice giving the location of the meeting shall be  
35 placed in a conspicuous place in one (1) of the designated rooms.

36 If any statute or rule of either house of the Legislature  
37 conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the provisions of this  
38 rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or rule to the extent  
39 of the conflict.

40 The provisions of this Joint Rule 23A shall take effect and  
41 be in force from and after its adoption and shall stand repealed  
42 from and after December 31, 2003."