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

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

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

For the 2001 Regular Session, the designation of the rooms shall
be announced within three (3) legislative days after adoption of this rule, and for subsequent sessions, the designation of the rooms shall be announced not later than the third legislative day of each session. Copies of a list of these rooms shall be available in the respective offices of the committee chairmen. This announcement shall constitute notice of the place of the official meetings of conference committees and notice that the time of each meeting shall not be announced individually. If a conference committee meets in a location other than a designated room, a written notice giving the location of the meeting shall be placed in a conspicuous place in one (1) of the designated rooms.

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

The provisions of this Joint Rule 23A shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and shall stand repealed from and after December 31, 2003."