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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 584

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

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE  
7 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That Rule 23A of the  
8 Joint Rules of the Mississippi Senate and House is adopted as  
9 follows:

10 "23A. All official meetings of any conference committee on a  
11 general or revenue bill shall be open to the public at all times  
12 unless declared an executive session in accordance with the  
13 provisions of Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. For  
14 purposes of the open meetings provisions set forth herein, the  
15 term "general" or "revenue" bill shall include only those bills  
16 considered general or revenue bills for deadline purposes under  
17 Joint Rule 40. The chairman of each Senate and House committee to  
18 which general or revenue bills are referred shall name one (1) or  
19 two (2) rooms in which conference committee meetings shall be held  
20 for all conferences on bills which were first referred to their  
21 committees. In the event a conference committee meets in another  
22 location, a written notice shall be placed in a conspicuous place  
23 in one (1) of the designated rooms giving the location of the  
24 conference. The designation of the rooms shall be announced not  
25 later than the third legislative day of each session, and copies  
26 of a list of these rooms shall be available in the House and  
27 Senate docket rooms. This announcement shall constitute notice of  
28 the time and place of the meetings of conference committees. If

29 any rule of either house of the Legislature conflicts with the  
30 provisions of this joint rule that require conference committee  
31 meetings to be open to the public and provide for notice thereof,  
32 the provisions of this joint rule shall supersede the conflicting  
33 rule to the extent of the conflict. This Joint Rule 23A shall  
34 take effect and be in force from and after its adoption, and shall  
35 stand repealed from and after sine die adjournment of the 2002  
36 Regular Session."