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To: Rules

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
 FOR
 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 584

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 SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE
 8 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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),
 22 two (2) or three (3) rooms in which official meetings of the
 23 conference committees pertaining to such bills and resolutions
 24 shall be held. For the 2001 Regular Session, the designation of
 25 the rooms shall be announced within three (3) legislative days
 26 after adoption of this rule, and for subsequent sessions, the
 27 designation of the rooms shall be announced not later than the
 28 third legislative day of each session. Copies of a list of these

29 rooms shall be available in the respective offices of the
30 committee chairmen. This announcement shall constitute notice of
31 the place of the official meetings of conference committees and
32 notice that the time of each meeting shall not be announced
33 individually. If a conference committee meets in a location other
34 than a designated room, a written notice giving the location of
35 the meeting shall be placed in a conspicuous place in one (1) of
36 the designated rooms.

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

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42 be in force from and after its adoption and shall stand repealed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