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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.
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8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE
9 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That the following
10 shall be adopted as Rule 23A of the 2000-2004 Joint Rules of the
11 Mississippi Senate and House:
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13 23A. All official meetings of any conference committee on a
14 general or revenue bill or on a resolution proposing a
15 constitutional amendment shall be open to the public at all times
16 unless declared an executive session in accordance with the
17 provisions of Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. For
18 purposes of this rule, the terms "general or revenue bill" and
19 "resolution proposing a constitutional amendment" include those
20 measures considered as either a general bill, a revenue bill or a
21 constitutional amendment for deadline purposes under Joint Rule
22 40. The chairman of each Senate and House committee to which such
23 bills or resolutions are first referred shall designate one (1),
24 two (2) or three (3) rooms in which official meetings of the
25 conference committees pertaining to such bills and resolutions
26 shall be held. For the 2001 Regular Session, the designation of
27 the rooms shall be announced within three (3) legislative days
28 after adoption of this rule, and for subsequent sessions, the
29 designation of the rooms shall be announced not later than the
30 third legislative day of each session. Copies of a list of these
rooms shall be available in the respective offices of the
cомmittee 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.