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10 **STATE OF MAINE**
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 **119TH LEGISLATURE**
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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16 HOUSE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 9, "JOINT ORDER to Enact the
Joint Rules"

18 Amend the order by striking out all of Joint Rule 304 and
inserting in its place the following:

20 **'Rule 304. Procedures for Public Hearings and Work Sessions.**

22 At the beginning of each legislative biennium, all
24 committees shall adopt procedures that govern public hearings,
work sessions and confirmation hearings. Copies of the
26 procedures must be sent to the presiding officers, the Secretary
of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Executive Director
28 of the Legislative Council upon adoption and must be posted and
made available upon request at all public hearings and work
30 sessions.

32 The rules of procedure in committee are the same as the
rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives to the
34 extent applicable. Committee procedures must be consistent with
these rules.

36 The presiding chair shall decide all questions of order,
38 subject to appeal to the committee. The chair's ruling stands
unless overruled by a majority vote of the committee membership.

40 Scheduling of bills to be considered in public hearings and
42 work sessions must be arranged by the Senate chair with the
agreement of the House chair; if agreement is not reached, the
44 committee shall decide by majority vote of the membership.

46 At public hearings, the chair may limit testimony as
necessary for the orderly conduct of the hearing. Members may
48 question witnesses to clarify testimony and to elicit helpful and
pertinent information. While aggressive and probing questions

2 may sometimes be appropriate, members shall exhibit respect for
the witnesses and for one another. Members shall refrain from
4 interrogation that is argumentative, oppressive, repetitive or
unnecessarily embarrassing to hearing participants. Advocacy and
6 discussion among members are not appropriate at public hearings.
A committee member who is the primary sponsor of a bill and any
8 member who testifies for or against the bill should ordinarily
refrain from questioning other witnesses. A witness testifying
10 before a committee shall provide a statement that includes the
amount and source of any federal or state grants, appropriations
12 or allocations or any federal or state contract received during
the current fiscal year and previous 2 fiscal years by the
14 witness or an organization the witness represents.'

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment requires that a witness testifying before a
committee provide a statement that includes the amount and source
20 of any federal or state grants, appropriations or allocations or
any federal or state contract received during the current fiscal
22 year and previous 2 fiscal years by the witness or an
organization the witness represents.

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