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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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 Joint Order by striking out all of Joint Rule 310
and inserting in its place the following:

20 '**Rule 310. Reports of Bills from Committee.**

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24 **1. Deadline for Reports.** The joint standing committees
shall report out every bill that has been referred to them in the
manner prescribed in these rules and in accordance with deadlines
26 established by the presiding officers.

28 **2. Committee Reports.** The report of the committee must
include a recommendation. Recommendations that may be made are:

30 Ought to Pass
32 Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought to Pass in New Draft
34 Ought Not to Pass
Refer to Another Committee

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38 The committee shall vote on all recommendations to be included in
reports on a bill during a work session on that bill. When the
committee recommendation is not unanimous, a minority report or
40 reports are required. All reports on any legislative document
must be submitted to the Legislature at the same time.

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44 **3. Unanimous Ought Not to Pass Report.** When a joint
standing committee votes unanimously to report a bill "Ought Not
to Pass," the committee shall notify the presiding officers, the
46 sponsor and the cosponsors of the bill of their action. This
communication must appear on the calendar in each chamber, and
48 the bill, upon notification of both chambers, must be placed in
the legislative file and may be recalled only as provided in Rule
50 404.

2 **4. Ought to Pass in New Draft Report.** When the changes
4 voted by the committee are major, the committee may elect to
report the bill out "Ought to Pass in New Draft," with
6 authorization of the presiding officers. When a plurality of the
committee recommends this report, the chairs shall submit a
8 request for authority to report the bill out in this fashion.
New drafts printed pursuant to these rules must include the
10 legislative document number that the new bill replaces and the
names of the original sponsor and cosponsors. The Secretary of
the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall determine the number
12 of copies that must be printed of each new draft.

14 **5. Committee Voting.** The committee clerk shall prepare the
committee jacket or jackets following the vote and obtain
16 signatures from committee members as required. If all members
are not present for the vote, the bill must be held until the
18 following periods have expired.

20 A. If any member is absent from the State House and the
State Office Building at the time of the vote, that member's
22 vote may be registered with the clerk up until noon on the
2nd business day following the vote.

24 B. If any member is absent from the committee at the time
of the vote but present in the State House or the State
26 Office Building, that member's vote may be registered with
the clerk up until 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

30 A member may abstain from voting only for a conflict of interest
under Joint Rule 104.

32 Except for a motion to adjourn, a question may not be decided and
34 official action may not be taken in the absence of a quorum.

36 No committee vote on a bill may be taken after 10:30 p.m. or
before 7:30 a.m. unless authorized by the presiding officers.'

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SUMMARY

42 This amendment removes the requirement that any committee
minority vote be taken at the same time as the vote on the
44 committee majority report and that the vote be based on a

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2 specific description of the content of any favorable report. It
also removes the requirement that no substantive changes in any
4 committee report may be made without a formal vote for
reconsideration and on the content of the amendment.

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