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SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to S.P. 9, "JOINT ORDER to Enact the Joint Rules"

Amend the order in Joint Rule 310 by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting the following in its place to read:

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

- Ought to Pass
- Ought to Pass as Amended
- Ought to Pass in New Draft
- Ought Not to Pass
- Refer to Another Committee

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 reports are required. Except as provided in subsection 5, minority committee reports must be voted on as the first order of business at the next meeting of the committee, but no less than 24 hours after the vote on the majority report. Notwithstanding subsection 5, a committee vote to report a bill out favorably must be taken based on written language before the committee at that time or on a motion describing the content of the report. After a committee vote, no substantive change may be made in the committee report unless motions to reconsider and to amend the report are approved at a committee work session. All reports on any legislative document must be submitted to the Legislature at the same time.'

SUMMARY

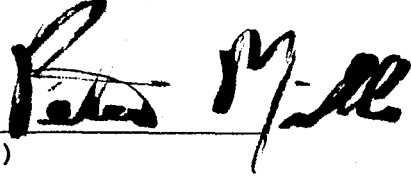
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This amendment requires committee minority reports to be  
voted on at the next meeting after the meeting at which the  
majority report is voted on as long as that meeting takes place  
at least 24 hours after the meeting at which the vote on the  
majority report was taken.

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