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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "F" to S.P. 11, "Joint Order Adopting the 116th Joint Rules"

Amend the Joint Order by striking out all of the first paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 115th Legislature be adopted as the Joint Rules of the 116th Legislature, except for the following changes.

Strike out all of Joint Rule 9 and insert in its place the following:

'9. Rules. Except as otherwise provided in Joint Rule 13-B and elsewhere, no joint rule or order shall be suspended or amended without the consent of two thirds of the members present in each House.'

Insert after Joint Rule 13-A the following:

'13-B. Joint Select Committee on Rules. There shall be a Joint Select Committee on Rules. The 10 House members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The 5 Senate members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. The first-named House member shall be the House Chair. The first-named Senate member shall be the Senate Chair. The committee shall make recommendations to the House and the Senate. The committee shall, in addition to other changes, determine changes necessary to incorporate gender-neutral language in the rules.

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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SENATE AMENDMENT "F" to S.P. 11

2 The Joint Select Committee on Rules may only report those  
recommendations adopted by majority vote. Minority reports are  
not authorized.

4 Notwithstanding Joint Rule 9, majority reports of the  
6 committee that propose amendments to the rules may be adopted by  
a majority vote in each House, until and including the end of the  
8 session on January 25, 1993.'

10 Strike out all of Joint Rule 25 and insert in its place the  
following:

12 '25. Cloture at the First Regular Session. During any  
14 first regular session, all other requests for bills and resolves  
submitted by Legislators shall be submitted in complete form to  
16 the Revisor of Statutes by 4:00 p.m. on the 3rd Friday in  
December.'

18 Strike out all of Joint Rule 28 and insert in its place the  
20 following:

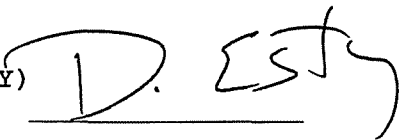
22 '28. Sponsorship and Identification of Agency. A presenter  
of legislation may authorize an unlimited number of members of  
24 either House to cosponsor a bill, resolve, order, resolution or  
memorial. For duplicate or closely related bills or resolves,  
26 the Legislative Council may establish a policy for combination of  
requests and the number of cosponsors permitted on combined  
28 requests. A bill, resolve, order, resolution or memorial having  
cosponsors shall originate in the House of the presenter. Each  
30 bill or resolve requested by the Governor or a department, agency  
or commission shall indicate the requestor below the title.'

32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This amendment establishes a Joint Select Committee on Rules  
36 and specifies that the committee may only report recommendations  
adopted by majority vote. The Legislature may adopt these  
38 recommendations by a majority vote in both houses through the end  
of the session on January 25, 1993. Any other proposed  
40 amendments to the Joint Rules require a 2/3 vote in both houses  
for adoption.

42 The amendment also establishes a revised cloture date for  
44 all Legislators, which is the 3rd Friday in December.

46 The amendment further establishes procedures to allow  
unlimited cosponsorship of legislative instruments.

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52 (Senator ESTY)   
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