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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "*H*" 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 24 and Joint Rule 25 and insert in their place the following:

'24. Cloture for State Department, Agency or Commission Bills or Resolves.

1. Deadlines for Requests. No request for a bill or resolve may be submitted to the Revisor of Statutes on behalf of any state department, agency or commission after the first Wednesday in December. If the Governor has been newly elected in November preceding the convening of the first regular session, any bill or resolve introduced on behalf of a state department, agency or commission shall be submitted within 30 days after the Governor is administered the oath of office.

2. Identification of Agency. Each bill or resolve submitted for preparation under this rule shall clearly designate, under the title, the department, agency or commission upon whose behalf the bill or resolve is submitted.

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3. After-Deadline Requests. Any request for a bill or resolve submitted under this rule after the first Wednesday in December in either the first or second regular session shall be considered an after-cloture request and shall be transmitted to the Legislative Council by the Revisor of Statutes. The Legislative Council shall consider the facts supporting introduction notwithstanding cloture. If two-thirds of the Legislative Council approve the request for the bill or resolve, it shall be accepted for introduction. Notice of that action shall appear on the calendar of the appropriate House.

4. Cloture Dates. The Legislative Council may vary cloture dates by 2/3 vote for good cause.

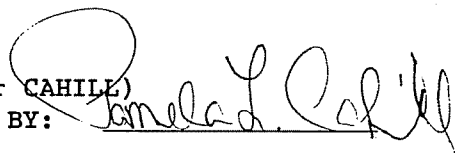
25. Cloture at the First Regular Session. During any first regular session, all other requests for bills and resolves submitted by returning Legislators shall be submitted in complete form to the Revisor of Statutes by 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Friday in December. Requests for bills and resolves submitted by new Legislators shall be submitted in complete form to the Revisor of Statutes by 5:00 p.m. on the last Friday in December. The Legislative Council may vary cloture dates by 2/3 vote for good cause.

Presenters shall be notified by the Revisor of Statutes when the bill or resolve is ready for signature and shall be responsible for reviewing and signing the bills and resolves in accordance with Joint Rule 32 to ensure timely introduction into the appropriate House.

Exception. This rule shall not apply to bills or resolves reported by any joint committee in the regular course of business, nor to such bills and resolves as are intended only to facilitate the business of the Legislature.' '

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment clarifies current practice that the Legislative Council may vary cloture dates for good cause and also requires a 2/3 vote before a cloture date may be changed.

(Senator CAHILL)
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