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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to S.O. 11, "Senate Order to Adopt Senate (TQM) Rules"

Amend the order by striking out all of Rule 102 and inserting in its place the following:

'Rule 102. Lobbyists banned from member's desk. At no time may a registered lobbyist be at the desk of any member. A registered lobbyist may not directly initiate communication with any member in the Senate chamber while the Senate is in order, except that a registered lobbyist may send a note to a member through the Senate chamber staff requesting that the member meet with the lobbyist at the back row of chairs in the Senate.'

Further amend the Senate Order in Senate Rule 523 as follows:

'Rule 523. Line-item veto. When a bill or resolve is returned by the Governor with any dollar amount disapproved pursuant to the Governor's line-item veto power, the Senate shall act upon the disapproved item or items within 5 calendar days, excepting Sundays, of receiving the bill or resolve from the Governor or within the remaining balance of time available after receiving the bill or resolve from the House.'

SENATE AMENDMENT

R. 43

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 11

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This amendment amends the rule prohibiting lobbyists from being at the desk of Senate members. This amendment prohibits lobbyists from directly initiating communication with a member in the Senate chamber, but permits registered lobbyists to send notes to a member requesting that the member meet with the lobbyist at the back row of chairs in the Senate.

This amendment also clarifies the time in which the Senate must respond to a line-item veto as 5 calendar days, excepting Sundays.

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