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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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

Amend the order in Joint Rule 310 by striking out all of subsection 5 and inserting in its place the following:

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

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

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

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

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

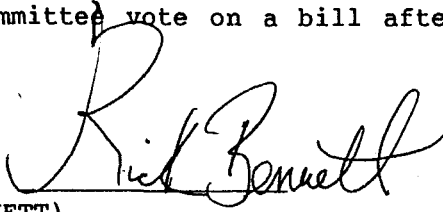
No committee vote on a bill may be taken after 10:30 p.m. or before 7:30 a.m. unless authorized by the presiding officers. If the presiding officers provide this authorization, they shall notify the other members of the Legislative Council concurrently.'

SENATE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment requires the presiding officers to notify all members of the Legislative Council if the presiding officers authorize a committee vote on a bill after 10:30 p.m. or before 7:30 a.m.

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