

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

Reis.

L.D.

2

DATE: 12/4/02

(Filing No. H- 2)

4

6

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

8

10

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

12

14

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 1, "Joint Order to Adopt the Joint Rules"

16

18

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

20

22

'ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 120th Maine Legislature shall be adopted as the Joint Rules of the 121st Maine Legislature, except for the following change.

24

26

Joint Rule 308 is amended by striking out all of Joint Rule 308 and inserting in its place the following:

28

'Rule 308. Reference of Bills to Committee.

30

All bills and resolves must be referred to committee, except that this provision may be suspended by a majority vote in each chamber.

32

34

1. Legislature in Session. When the Legislature is in session, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall jointly suggest an appropriate committee reference for every bill, resolve and petition offered. The suggested reference must be placed upon the Advance Journal and Calendar of each chamber. If they are unable to agree, the question of reference must be referred to a conference of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. Upon their agreement, the suggested reference must be placed upon the Advance Journal and Calendar of each chamber. If they are unable to agree, the question of suggested reference must be referred to the

42

44

R.S.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 1

2 Legislative Council for resolution. Upon the decision of the
3 Legislative Council, the suggested reference must be placed upon
4 the Advance Journal and Calendar of each chamber.

6 Each suggested reference appearing upon the Advance Journal
7 and Calendar of each chamber must contain a recommendation for
8 the printing of the document being referred and may contain a
9 recommendation on the number of copies of that document to be
10 printed.

12 Any member may move for reconsideration of a committee
13 reference on the floor. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 103, a
14 majority vote is necessary to overturn the original committee of
15 reference.

16 **2. Legislature Not in Session.** When the Legislature is not
17 in session or is in recess for more than 4 days, the Secretary of
18 the Senate and Clerk of the House may refer the bills to the
19 appropriate joint standing committee for public hearing and order
20 printing, subject to the approval of the President of the Senate
21 and the Speaker of the House.

22 **3. Reference to More Than One Committee.** When a bill or
23 resolve has a subject matter that falls within the jurisdiction
24 of more than one committee, suggested references may be made and
25 the full Legislature may vote to refer a bill or resolve to more
26 than one committee. When references are made to more than one
27 committee, the first named committee is responsible for the
28 scheduling and conduct of all public hearings, subject to
29 approval of the chairs of the other committee or committees.
30 Committees to whom a bill or resolve is referred pursuant to this
31 rule shall participate equally in all public hearings and work
32 sessions and shall make a joint report or joint reports. The
33 public hearing or hearings and work session or work sessions must
34 be conducted jointly by both committees. The chairs of the
35 committees involved shall establish the process for conduct of
36 the work session or work sessions on the bill. If the chairs are
37 unable to agree, the presiding officers shall establish the
38 process. The work session process must provide for balanced
39 representation for each committee. The report or reports on a
40 jointly referred bill is as voted by the full membership of each
41 committee, except that if a member serves on more than one
42 committee to whom a bill or resolve is referred, that member may
43 cast only one vote.' '

46

Res.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 1

2

SUMMARY

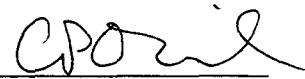
4

This amendment requires when 2 committees are jointly referred a bill, those 2 committees are required to meet in joint work sessions.

6

8

10

SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative O'NEIL)

12

TOWN: Saco

14