

MR. PRESIDENT: Your procedural **Rules Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)** recommends that the Senate and Joint Rules of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly, as adopted on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, and published in the 2007 Senate and House Rules and Committees book, with the following amendments, be adopted as the permanent rules of the Senate for the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly, and that the reading of this report be dispensed with:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Senate Rule 312 is amended as follows:

312. MOTIONS DURING DEBATE. When a question is under debate, no motion may be received, except to fix the time to which to adjourn; to adjourn; to permit a member to vote; to lay on the table; to move the previous question; to close, limit, or extend debate (which ~~five~~ six kinds of motions must be decided without debate); to move to postpone to a day certain; to refer; and to amend. These motions have precedence in the order in which they are named. No motion to postpone to a day certain or to refer, having been decided, may be entertained again on the same day.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Senate Rule 317 is amended as follows:

317. NONDEBATABLE MOTIONS. The following motions are not debatable:

1. Adjournment.
2. Clincher.
3. Fix the time of adjournment.
4. Order of the day.
5. Reading of papers.
6. Withdrawal of motion.
7. Suspension of the rules.
8. ~~To lay~~ Lay on the table.
9. Previous question.
10. Close, limit, or extend debate.
11. Permit a member to vote.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Senate Rule 321 is amended as follows:

321. Vote by members. Every member who is present, before the vote is announced from the chair, shall vote for or against the question before the Senate, unless the Senate excuses the member. If the member has not voted before the key is closed, the member ~~may~~ shall vote before the vote is announced. A member cannot cast a vote on behalf of another member unless the vote is cast according to verbal instructions announced to the Senate by

1 that other member while in the chamber. However, any member who has a personal or private
2 interest in any measure or bill shall disclose the fact to the Senate and may not vote thereon
3 without the consent of the Senate. A "personal or private interest" is an interest that affects the
4 member directly, individually, uniquely, and substantially.

5 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of Senate Rule 402 is amended as follows:

- 6 1. No member other than the Majority and Minority Leaders may introduce more than
7 three bills as prime sponsor after the ~~ninth~~ tenth legislative day. No bill may be
8 introduced after the ~~fourteenth~~ fifteenth legislative day, and no resolution, except
9 those resolutions described in subsection 3, may be introduced after the
10 eighteenth legislative day, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills
11 Committee or upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate present and
12 voting.

13 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of Joint Rule 203 is amended as follows:

- 14 1. A bill that has passed one house may not be sent to the other house for
15 concurrence after the ~~thirty-third~~ thirty-fourth legislative day, except a bill approved
16 for introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills.

17 **SECTION 6.** Joint Rule 210 is created as follows:

18 **210. DELIVERY OF VETO MESSAGES.** When the Governor vetoes a bill that cannot
19 be returned to the house of origin because the legislative assembly is not in session, the
20 objections to the bill must be filed with the Secretary of State and with the director of the
21 Legislative Council or a Legislative Council employee designated by the director for purposes
22 of publishing the objections in the journal of the house of origin and in the Session Laws.

23 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Joint Rule 802 is amended as follows:

24 **802. IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA.** The Legislative
25 Council may provide identification badges for individuals identified as representatives of the
26 media by the North Dakota Newspaper Association and the North Dakota Broadcasters
27 Association before a regular session or by the statehouse correspondent of the Associated
28 Press during a legislative session. The statehouse correspondent of the Associated Press
29 shall ~~distribute~~ determine the method for distribution of the badges to the appropriate
30 individuals for use during the session to obtain access to the floor of the chamber as permitted
31 by the Senate and House. The statehouse correspondent of the Associated Press shall notify
32 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House with respect to identification badges
33 issued during the session.