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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 312

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

2 **312. Motions during debate.** When a question is under debate, no motion may be

3 received, except to fix the time to which to adjourn; to adjourn; to permit a member to vote; to

- 4 lay on the table; to move the previous question; to close, limit, or extend debate (which six kinds
- 5 of motions must be decided without debate); to move to postpone to a day certain; to refer; and

6 to amend. <u>These motions may be made only by the Majority or Minority Leader or the Assistant</u>

- 7 <u>Majority or Minority Leader</u>. These motions have precedence in the order in which they are
- 8 named. No motion to postpone to a day certain or to refer, having been decided, may be
- 9 entertained again on the same day.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. House Rule 312 is amended as follows:

11 **312. Motions during debate.** When a question is under debate, no motion may be

12 received, except to fix the time to which to adjourn; to adjourn; to permit a member to vote; to

13 lay on the table; to move the previous question; to close, limit, or extend debate (which six kinds

14 of motions must be decided without debate); to move to postpone to a day certain; to refer; and

15 to amend. <u>These motions may be made only by the Majority or Minority Leader or the Assistant</u>

- 16 <u>Majority or Minority Leader</u>. These motions have precedence in the order in which they are
- 17 named. No motion to postpone to a day certain or to refer, having been decided, may be
- 18 entertained again on the same day.

**NOTE:** This proposed amendment is in response to the following "Rules Questions or Inquiries That Arose During the 2011 Legislative Session":

Rule 312 of the House Rules. Maybe the motions under this rule should only be made by the leaders or the assistant leaders.