

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 348

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 348 is amended:

2 **348. CLINCHER MOTION.** A motion that any action taken by the Senate be
3 reconsidered and that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, if carried by a majority vote
4 of the members-elect, has the effect of preventing reconsideration except upon a two-thirds
5 vote of the members-elect. The motion must be decided without debate.

6 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 348 is amended:

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9 of the members-elect, has the effect of preventing reconsideration except upon a two-thirds
10 vote of the members-elect. The motion must be decided without debate.

NOTE: This proposed rules amendment is in response to a question as to the vote required to adopt a clincher motion in the Senate. Because Senate Rule 348 is silent as to the vote required, the vote for a clincher motion is governed by Senate Rule 318(1)(m):

- 1. The following questions require a majority vote of the members of the Senate present and voting:

[Text omitted]

- m. Any question for which another vote is not required by the Constitution or another rule.

House Rule 348 is included without amendment for comparison purposes. Until 1991 the House rule was silent as to the vote required.