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SUPPLEMENT NO. 5

ORDERS

Joint Orders

(4-1) On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 9

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 215, subsection 1 to read:

1. Calling of United States Constitutional Convention. An item requesting the calling of a United States Constitutional Convention requires a ~~2/3~~ majority vote of the members present in each chamber;

(4-2) On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 10

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 208 to read:

Rule 208. Requirements for Drafting.

A request for a bill or resolve filed with the Revisor of Statutes is considered complete when the request is properly titled and accompanied by sufficient instructions, information and data required for its preparation. When a request is not accompanied by sufficient instructions, information or data, the Revisor of Statutes is directed to give written notice of inadequate information to the legislator. Upon receipt of said written notice, the legislator has 5 business days, unless an alternative period is set jointly by the presiding officers, to file adequate information with the Revisor of Statutes, or the request for the bill or resolve will be denied. Drafts prepared by an outside source must be filed in final form by the appropriate cloture date.

~~When directed by the sponsor, the Revisor of Statutes shall prepare a bill or resolve in concept form. The bill or resolve shall contain only an enacting clause and a summary of the proposed legislation and shall not be fully drafted by the Revisor of Statutes. The bill or resolve prepared in this form shall be printed and referred to a committee in the same manner as other legislation and may be reported in fully drafted form by that committee in the same manner as other legislation. Except as otherwise provided in this Joint Rule, this method of drafting legislation is not allowed for legislation submitted by the Governor, by agencies or departments of state government, by study commissions, by joint standing committees or joint select committees or pursuant to law or statute. Any request for a bill or resolve submitted after cloture must state if it is a request for a concept draft. Any committee amendment must be germane to the detailed summary of the concept draft.~~

The Revisor of Statutes shall prepare in concept form a bill submitted pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, ~~section 1666~~ chapter 149 that proposes to make unified appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of state government for the biennium or supplemental appropriations and allocations, and shall include an Internet address at which may be found the text of the draft unified budget bill or supplemental budget bill submitted to the Revisor of Statutes by the Governor.

(4-3) On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 11

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by striking out all of Joint Rule 202.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 205 to read:

Rule 205. Filing after Cloture.

Any request for a bill or resolve submitted to the Revisor of Statutes by a Legislator, a department, agency or commission after the appropriate cloture date must be transmitted to the Legislative Council. The council shall ascertain from the sponsor the facts supporting the request notwithstanding cloture. If a majority of the council approves, the legislation is eligible for introduction as other legislation that is in compliance with Rule ~~202~~ or 203 or 204.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by striking out all of Joint Rule 207 and inserting the following:

Rule 207. Disclosure of Titles of Bills and Resolves Submitted by Governor.

The titles of requests for bills and resolves submitted by the Governor are considered public information upon filing. The Governor may direct that the title of a particular bill or resolve remain confidential until that bill or resolve is printed.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 208, first paragraph to read:

A request for a bill or resolve filed with the Revisor of Statutes is considered complete when the request is properly titled and accompanied by sufficient instructions, information and data required for its preparation. When a request is not accompanied by sufficient instructions, information or data, the Revisor of Statutes is directed to give written notice of inadequate information to the legislator. Upon receipt of said written notice, the legislator has 5 business days, unless an alternative period is set jointly by the presiding officers, to file adequate information with the Revisor of Statutes, or the request for the bill or resolve will be denied. Drafts prepared by an outside source must be filed in final form ~~by the appropriate cloture date.~~
