

1-26-05 *adopted*

1 Senator *Metzen* moves to amend the Temporary Rules of the
2 Senate as follows:

3 Rule 16.1 is amended to read:

4 16.1 The Secretary shall provide space for news reporters
5 on the Senate floor in limited numbers, and in the Senate
6 gallery. Because of limited space on the floor, permanent space
7 is limited to those news agencies that regularly cover the
8 legislature, namely: The Associated Press, St. Paul Pioneer
9 Press, St. Paul Legal Ledger, Star Tribune, Duluth News-Tribune,
10 The Forum, Rochester Post-Bulletin, St. Cloud Times, WCCO radio,
11 KSTP radio, and Minnesota Public Radio, and Minnesota News
12 Network. The Secretary shall provide an additional two spaces
13 to other reporters if space is available. One person from each
14 named agency and one person from the Senate Publications Office
15 may be present at the press table on the Senate floor at any
16 time. Other news media personnel may occupy seats provided in
17 the Senate gallery.

1-22-05
Original adopted

1 Senator moves to amend the Temporary Rules of the
2 Senate as follows:

3 Rule 7.5 is amended to read:

4 7.5 The major tax and appropriation bills are:

- 5 (1) the omnibus tax bill;
- 6 (2) the early childhood education appropriations bill;
- 7 (3) the E-12 K-12 education appropriations bill;
- 8 ~~(3)~~ (4) the higher education appropriations bill;
- 9 ~~(4)~~ (5) the environment, agriculture, and economic
10 development appropriations bill;
- 11 ~~(5)~~ (6) the health, and human services ~~and-corrections~~
12 appropriations bill;
- 13 ~~(6)~~ (7) the public safety appropriations bill;
- 14 (8) the state government appropriations bill;
- 15 ~~(7)~~ (9) the transportation appropriations bill; and
- 16 ~~(8)~~ (10) the omnibus capital investment bill.

1 Senator moves to amend the Temporary Rules of the
2 Senate as follows:

3 Rule 46 is amended to read:

4 46. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

5 46.1 The Subcommittee on Committees shall appoint all
6 conference committees of the Senate and report the appointments
7 to the Senate. In the appointment of members of conference
8 committees between the two houses, the Subcommittee on
9 Committees shall appoint those who are in accord with the
10 position of the Senate. Whenever practical, the subcommittee
11 shall give preference to authors of bills in dispute and to
12 members of standing committees in which the bills were
13 considered.

14 46.2 All conference committees shall be open to the public.
15 From the time a conference committee is appointed until it is
16 disbanded, any communication between Senate and House members of
17 the conference committee or Senate and House of Representatives
18 staff members assigned to the conference committee that includes
19 discussions relating to the conference committee or the bill
20 referred to the conference committee must be open to the
21 public. This rule does not apply, however, to:

22 (1) communication limited to the sole purpose of arranging
23 conference committee meeting times and schedules; or

24 (2) communication between or a meeting of legislative staff
25 members to prepare or revise bill drafts or to answer questions
26 or provide clarification on a proposal that has been put forward
27 in an open meeting, so long as the staff communication or
28 meeting does not involve making a new offer from one house to
29 the other.