1   **SENATE RULES RESOLUTION - CONSENT**

2   **CALENDAR AMENDMENTS**

3   2006 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Chief Sponsor: Michael G. Waddoups**

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9   This resolution modifies Senate Rules governing consent calendar bills.

10   **Highlighted Provisions:**

11   This resolution:

12   ▸   clarifies procedures for voting on consent calendar bills;

13   ▸   requires a roll call vote if any Senators oppose the bill;

14   ▸   allows Senators to move consent calendar bills to the third reading calendar; and

15   ▸   makes technical changes.

16   **Special Clauses:**

17   This resolution provides an immediate effective date.

18   **Legislative Rules Affected:**

19   AMENDS:

20   **SR-25.14**

21   **SR-30.10**

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23   *Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:*

24   Section 1. **SR-25.14** is amended to read:

25   **SR-25.14.   Consent Calendar.**

26   (1) (a) Standing committees may report a bill to the Senate with the recommendation

27   that it be placed on the consent calendar, if:

28   [(1)] (i) [this has been] the sponsor has requested [by the sponsor] that the bill be

29   placed on the consent calendar; and

30   [(2)] (ii) the bill has the unanimous recommendation of the <u>standing</u> committee with a

31 quorum present.

32   <u>(b)</u> The Secretary of the Senate shall provide appropriate forms for reporting the

33 committee's recommendation.

34   <u>(2)</u> Upon adoption of the committee report by the Senate, the bill shall be read for the

35 second time [(cf. SR-27.16)] and placed on the consent calendar.

36   <u>(3) (a)</u> Each day<u>,</u> the President shall call attention to the bills on the consent calendar to

37 determine [any objections to any bill there] <u>if any Senator objects to any bill's placement on the</u>

38 <u>consent calendar</u>.

39   <u>(b) Any Senator may object to the bill's placement on the consent calendar by verbal</u>

40 <u>objection on the floor or by notifying the Secretary of the Senate.</u>

41   <u>(c)</u> If [objections are registered by] three or more Senators <u>object to a bill's placement</u>

42 <u>on the consent calendar</u>, the bill shall be removed from the consent calendar and placed at the

43 bottom of the second reading calendar.

44   <u>(4)</u> If<u>,</u> after three days during which the Senate has floor time, no more than two

45 members have registered objections to a bill on the consent calendar [with the Secretary], the

46 bill shall be<u>:</u>

47   <u>(a)</u> read for the third time [(cf. SR-27.16),]<u>;</u>

48   <u>(b)</u> placed before the Senate[,]<u>; and</u>

49   <u>(c)</u> considered for final passage[, which shall be by voice vote (cf. SR-30.10)]

50 <u>according to the provisions of SR-30.10</u>.

51   Section 2. **SR-30.10** is amended to read:

52   **SR-30.10. Consent Calendar.**

53   <u>(1)</u> The President shall pose the question on each consent calendar bill in the following

54 form:

55   "The President has determined that a quorum is present.

56   Those who favor the question say, aye.

57   Does the chair hear a single dissenting nay to the question?"

58   (2) If the President hears no nays to the question, a unanimous vote of the Senators

59   present shall be recorded in favor of the legislation.

60   (3) If the President hears any nays to the question, a roll call vote shall be taken

61   immediately.

62   (4) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (3), any Senator may make a

63   motion before the roll call vote is taken to remove the bill from the consent calendar and place

64   it on the bottom of the third reading calendar.

65   (5) Nothing in this section prevents a Senator from challenging the ruling of the chair

66   or asking for a vote on any question.

67   Section 3. **Effective date.**

68   This resolution takes effect upon approval by a constitutional majority vote of all

69   members of the Senate.