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H.C.R. No. 8

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, It is desirable to adopt by resolution various rules  
2 and policies regarding the operation of joint committees to  
3 supplement, and reconcile differences between, the senate and house  
4 rules of procedure; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas, in  
6 accordance with the proclamation of the lieutenant governor and the  
7 speaker of the house of representatives creating the Joint Select  
8 Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth  
9 Commission, hereby adopt additional rules and policies regarding  
10 the operation of the joint select committee; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the co-chairs of the joint select committee,  
12 acting jointly and within two weeks of the proclamation, prepare  
13 and present to the presiding officers a proposal for budget and  
14 staffing; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the co-chairs be directed to use to the  
16 greatest extent possible the existing staff and administrative  
17 resources of committee members, standing committees, officers of  
18 the senate and house, and legislative service agencies; and, be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the joint select committee have authority to  
21 issue process as provided by Sections 301.024-301.027, Government  
22 Code, provided that any motion for the issuance of process must  
23 receive the record vote of at least two-thirds of the committee  
24 members present and voting and at least two-thirds of the members of

1 the committee representing each house, a quorum being present; and,  
2 be it further

3         RESOLVED, That the joint select committee have authority to  
4 meet in executive session for the limited purpose of examining a  
5 witness or deliberating, considering, or debating a decision,  
6 provided that no decision may be made or voted on except in a  
7 meeting that is open to the public; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That the joint select committee have all other  
9 powers and duties provided to special committees by Subchapter B,  
10 Chapter 301, Government Code, and the senate and house rules of  
11 procedure; and, be it further

12         RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislative Council be authorized to  
13 reimburse the senate and house of representatives for expenses  
14 incurred by members of the senate and house for transportation,  
15 meals, lodging, and incidentals for travel on official business of  
16 the joint select committee; and, be it further

17         RESOLVED, That the final report of the joint select committee  
18 be approved by a majority of the voting membership of the committee  
19 and a majority of the members of the committee representing each  
20 house; dissenting voting members may attach statements to the final  
21 report subject to any limitations specified in the rules adopted by  
22 the committee; and, be it further

23         RESOLVED, That the joint select committee expires on January  
24 13, 2009.