

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 12 (Averitt/Bonnen)

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of  
2 Texas, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, That House Rule 13,  
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,  
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to  
5 resolve the differences on Senate Bill 12 (programs for the  
6 enhancement of air quality, including energy efficiency standards  
7 in state purchasing and energy consumption; providing penalties) to  
8 consider and take action on the following matters:

9 (1) House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(3) and (4), are suspended  
10 to permit the committee to change the text of SECTION 1.05 of the  
11 bill by adding the following text at the end of Subsection (e),  
12 Section 382.213, Health and Safety Code:

13 The only cost to be paid by a recycler for the residual scrap  
14 metal of vehicles retired under this section shall be the cost of  
15 transportation of the residual scrap metal to the recycling  
16 facility.

17 Explanation: The change is necessary to allow recyclers to  
18 pay only the cost of transporting residual scrap metal when  
19 receiving scrap metal from vehicles retired under a low-income  
20 vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle  
21 retirement program.

22 (2) House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(3) and (4), are suspended  
23 to permit the committee to change the text of SECTION 3.02 of the  
24 bill by adding a new Subsection (f), Section 388.005, Health and

1 Safety Code, to read as follows:

2 (f) This section does not apply to an institution of higher  
3 education or a state agency if:

4 (1) the State Energy Conservation Office determines  
5 that, before September 1, 2007, the institution or agency adopted a  
6 plan for conserving energy under which the institution or agency  
7 has set a percentage goal for reducing electric consumption; and

8 (2) the institution or agency submits reports on its  
9 conservation plan not less than quarterly to the governor, the  
10 Legislative Budget Board, and the State Energy Conservation Office.

11 Explanation: The change is necessary to exempt institutions  
12 of higher education and state agencies from the energy efficiency  
13 requirements of Section 388.005, Health and Safety Code, if the  
14 institution or agency has already implemented an energy efficiency  
15 plan.