Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 909 (Whitmire/Madden)

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SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill No. 909 (the continuation and functions of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, and to the functions of the Board of Pardons and Paroles) to consider and take action on the following matter:

Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the committee to add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill:

SECTION ____. Subchapter D, Chapter 499, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 499.072 to read as follows:

Sec. 499.072. LOCATION OF CENTRAL PRISON UNIT. (a) The department shall conduct a feasibility study of relocating the Central Prison Unit and the adjoining prison housing units from their current location in Sugar Land, Texas, to a location that more appropriately addresses the needs of the correctional system.

(b) If relocation is determined to be in the best interest of the correctional system and the City of Sugar Land, during the course of the study the department shall examine:

(1) the costs and benefits of relocating the Central Prison Unit and the adjoining prison housing units;

(2) appropriate measures to ensure that adequate easements are granted to allow development of surrounding property; and

(3) an anticipated timeline for the relocation.

Explanation: This addition is necessary to require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to conduct a feasibility study concerning the relocation of certain prison units and prison housing units.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate