Suspending limitations on conference committee jurisdiction, S.B. No. 321 (Hegar/Kleinschmidt)

H.R. No. 2277 By: Kleinschmidt

RESOLUTION 1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of 2 Texas, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, That House Rule 13, 3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13, Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to 4 5 resolve the differences on Senate Bill 321 (employee's transportation and storage of certain firearms or ammunition while 6 7 on certain property owned or controlled by the employee's employer) 8 to consider and take action on the following matter: 9 House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(1), is suspended to permit the 10 committee to change text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 52.063, Labor Code, to read as 11 follows: 12

Sec. 52.063. IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY. (a) Except in 13 14 cases of gross negligence, a public or private employer, or the employer's principal, officer, director, employee, or agent, is not 15 liable in a civil action for personal injury, death, property 16 damage, or any other damages resulting from or arising out of an 17 occurrence involving a firearm or ammunition that the employer is 18 19 required to allow on the employer's property under this subchapter.

- The presence of a firearm or ammunition on an employer's 20 21 property under the authority of this subchapter does not by itself constitute a failure by the employer to provide a safe workplace. 22
- (c) For purposes of this section, a public or private 23 24 employer, or the employer's principal, officer, director,

- 1 employee, or agent, does not have a duty:
- 2 (1) to patrol, inspect, or secure:
- 3 (A) any parking lot, parking garage, or other
- 4 parking area the employer provides for employees; or
- 5 (B) any privately owned motor vehicle located in
- 6 a parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area described by
- 7 Paragraph (A); or
- 8 (2) to investigate, confirm, or determine an
- 9 employee's compliance with laws related to the ownership or
- 10 possession of a firearm or ammunition or the transportation and
- 11 storage of a firearm or ammunition.
- 12 Explanation: This change is necessary to clarify the
- 13 responsibilities of an employer required by this Act to permit
- 14 certain firearms and ammunition on the employer's property.