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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Hunter

1 Amend H.R. No. 4 (adopting the permanent House Rules of
2 Procedure) by amending Rule 5, Section 3, to read as follows:

3 Sec. 3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE. (a) No member shall be absent
4 from the sessions of the house without leave, and no member shall
5 be excused on his or her own motion.

6 (b) A leave of absence may be granted by a majority vote of
7 the house and may be revoked at any time by a similar vote.

8 (c) Any member granted a leave of absence due to a meeting
9 of a committee or conference committee that has authority to meet
10 while the house is in session shall be so designated on each roll
11 call or registration for which that member is excused.

12 (d) If a member is absent without leave for the purpose of
13 impeding the action of the House, the member is subject to one or
14 more of the following:

- 15 (1) fines as provided this section;
- 16 (2) payment of costs incurred by the sergeant-at-arms;
- 17 (3) reprimand;
- 18 (4) censure; or
- 19 (5) expulsion.

20 (e) Unless the house excuses the payment by a majority vote,
21 each member who is absent without leave is liable to the house
22 for:

- 23 (1) a fine in the amount of \$500 for each calendar day
24 of absence; and
- 25 (2) the member's pro rata share of the costs incurred

1 by the sergeant-at-arms to secure the attendance of absentees.

2 (f) The Committee on House Administration shall notify a
3 member of the total amount of fines and costs for which payment is
4 not excused. A member must pay the amount stated in the
5 committee's notice by making payment of that amount to the House
6 Business Office not later than the third business day of the first
7 calendar month after the date of the committee's notice. A member
8 may not make any payment from funds in the member's operating
9 account or from funds accepted as political contributions under
10 Title 15, Election Code. If a member does not make full payment
11 as required by this subsection, the committee shall direct the
12 House Business Office to reduce the amount of the monthly credit
13 to the member's operating account established under the
14 housekeeping resolution by 30 percent in each month that any amount
15 of a fine remains past due and owing. When a member has made full
16 payment as required by this subsection, the committee shall direct
17 the House Business Office to restore the impounded funds to the
18 member's operating account subject to any limitations on the
19 carrying forward of unexpended funds established by the
20 housekeeping resolution.

21 (g) Before a member is expelled under this section, the
22 matter shall be referred to the Committee on House Administration
23 for investigation and report. A report issued under this
24 subsection shall not be considered by the house until a printed
25 copy of the report has been provided to each member of the house
26 at least 24 hours before consideration.