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HOUSE CALENDAR

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULE 35 (b)

Proposed by the House Rules Committee

Add the following two lines:

“Failure of a member to engage in mediation may result in legislation not being filed. If mediation is not successful between members, the Speaker shall be the ultimate arbiter in deciding which bill will be filed.”

So that the rule will read in full:

The Office of Legislative Services shall not accept a request to draft any bill that is the same, or essentially the same, as any other drafting request already accepted. If duplicate or similar legislation is requested, the Director of Legislative Services shall notify the sponsors of each filing request and mediate an agreement for the filing of a single bill. Filing requests resulting from legislative committee work shall take precedence over all other duplicate or similar filings. Failure of a member to engage in mediation may result in legislation not being filed. If mediation is not successful between members, the Speaker shall be the ultimate arbiter in deciding which bill will be filed. The name of the House member whose LSR request is denied due to duplication may be substituted on request for that of the original sponsor if the original sponsor withdraws the drafting request prior to the sign-off deadline.

CORRECTED CONFERENCE REPORT

SB 66, naming the lobby of the legislative office building after former speaker of the house George Roberts. The House and Senate conferees agreed to the House version of the bill, but added a section that restored some Senate language adding to the process of any future naming of any area of the State House complex. The joint committee on legislative facilities will recommend a name change but it has to be approved by both the House and Senate.

Rep. Sherman Packard