

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROVIDING FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND OF THE SENATE TO DISPENSE WITH THE REPRINTING OF ENGROSSED BILLS WHICH INCORPORATE THE AMENDMENT RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE TO CLARIFY LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

WHEREAS, the "COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS" Section in the various appropriation bills introduced in the House and Senate of the 76th Regular Session of the General Assembly have included a phrase: "including the document produced by the Bureau of Legislative Research reflecting legislative intent", which has prompted the Governor to veto a number of said appropriation bills that have passed both houses of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Budget Committee has recommended that said phrase be deleted from the various appropriation bills and that a new Section be added therein which will more specifically identify the documents and records to be relied upon in interpreting legislative intent; and

WHEREAS, the Rules of the House and Senate will require the reprinting of engrossed bills reflecting said amendment, unless the Rules are suspended permitting the consideration of the printed versions of the appropriation bills that have previously been prepared; and

WHEREAS, in view of the financial condition facing the State, it is the consensus of the House and Senate that the reprinting of said bills will serve no useful purpose, and that suspension of the Rules of the House and Senate will result in substantial savings of printing costs;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Rules of the House of Representatives and the Rules of the Senate which require the printing of bills and that a copy of said bills be placed upon members' desks twenty-four hours before third reading, are hereby suspended with respect to the reprinting of appropriation bills which incorporate therein the amendment recommended by the Joint Budget Committee to

delete the language: "including the document produced by the Bureau of Legislative Research reflecting legislative intent" from the "COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS" Section of the bills, and to add thereto the following Section:

"SECTION . LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations, and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the officials minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption."