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To: Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 File No. Cal. No.

**"RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE
SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES."**

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- 1 After paragraph (g) of Joint Rule 17, insert the following:
- 2 "(h) *Bill Creating New Tax or Increasing Rate of Taxation.*
- 3 Notwithstanding any provision of these rules to the contrary, no bill
- 4 creating a new tax or increasing the rate of taxation of an existing tax
- 5 may be acted upon by either the House of Representatives or the
- 6 Senate unless the joint standing committee on Finance, Revenue and
- 7 Bonding has held a public hearing on the new tax or increased rate of
- 8 taxation.
- 9 (i) *Emergency-Certified Bills.* Notwithstanding any provision of
- 10 these rules to the contrary, no bill certified in accordance with section
- 11 2-26 of the general statutes may be acted upon by either the Senate or
- 12 the House of Representatives unless such bill has been available to
- 13 members of the General Assembly and to the public in printed format

14 and on the Connecticut General Assembly website for at least seventy-
15 two hours prior to such action."

16 After Joint Rule 17, insert the following and renumber the
17 remaining rules accordingly:

18 "18. *Budget Negotiations.* Any meeting called or convened by a
19 member of leadership of the General Assembly, the Governor, or the
20 Secretary of Policy and Management, or their representatives or
21 designees, at which any part of the state budget is discussed or
22 negotiated and which is attended in person or telephonically by at
23 least four members of the leadership of the General Assembly and at
24 least one other person, other than the Governor and partisan staff
25 employees of the leadership of the General Assembly or the Governor,
26 who is not a member of the General Assembly shall be open to the
27 public unless (1) such meeting is excluded from the definition of
28 "meeting" pursuant to subdivision (2) of section 1-200 of the general
29 statutes, or (2) all the members of the leadership of the General
30 Assembly who participate in any part of the meeting are members of
31 the same political party. For purposes of this rule "leadership of the
32 General Assembly" means the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
33 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Majority and
34 Minority Leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives."