

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

2 BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

3 A Senate Resolution relating to bipartisan control of
4 the Senate for the Eighty-First General Assembly.

5 WHEREAS, the Senate, being composed of an equal
6 number of members of each major political party,
7 acknowledges that this extraordinary circumstance
8 requires extraordinary policies of procedure and
9 administration which provide for bipartisan control
10 and responsibility, ensure fairness, and promote
11 cooperation; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the following
13 extraordinary policies shall be in effect as long as
14 the Senate for the Eighty-First General Assembly is
15 composed of an equal number of members of each major
16 political party:

17 SECTION 1. SENATE RULES. The Rules of the Senate
18 and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure are hereby
19 superseded to the extent they are inconsistent with
20 the policies set forth in this resolution. All
21 references to president, president pro tempore, or
22 majority or minority leader in the Senate Rules or in
23 Mason's Manual shall be held to refer to the co-
24 presidents, co-presidents pro tempore, and co-floor
25 leaders, respectively.

26 SEC. 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. At the commencement
27 of the Eighty-First General Assembly, the Senate shall
28 elect co-presidents, who both shall be called
29 president, and co-presidents pro tempore, who both
30 shall be called president pro tempore.

SR
1

1 SEC. 3. CO-PRESIDENTS' DUTIES.

2 1. The duties of the President of the Senate under
3 the Constitution of the State of Iowa, including the
4 signing of bills and resolutions and succession to the
5 office of the governor, shall rotate quarterly between
6 the co-presidents as follows:

7 a. January 10-March 31, 2005: Republican
8 president.

9 b. April 1-June 30, 2005: Democratic president.

10 c. July 1-September 30, 2005: Republican
11 president.

12 d. October 1-December 31, 2005: Democratic
13 president.

14 e. January 1-March 31, 2006: Democratic
15 president.

16 f. April 1-June 30, 2006: Republican president.

17 g. July 1-September 30, 2006: Democratic
18 president.

19 h. October 1, 2006-January 8, 2007: Republican
20 president.

21 2. The remaining duties of the office of President
22 of the Senate shall rotate as follows:

23 a. For the week of January 10, 2005, the
24 Republican president shall preside on Monday,
25 Wednesday, and Friday (if necessary); and the
26 Democratic president shall preside on Tuesday and
27 Thursday.

28 b. The Democratic president shall preside the week
29 of January 17, 2005. Thereafter, the co-presidents
30 shall rotate the duties of presiding officer weekly,

1 e.g., the Republican president shall preside the week
2 of January 24, 2005. Whenever one of the co-
3 presidents is unable to preside, that co-president
4 shall be replaced as presiding officer by the co-
5 president pro tempore of the same political party or
6 by another member of the same political party.

7 c. During the week a co-president presides, that
8 co-president's office shall be responsible for
9 receiving bills and resolutions filed that week. The
10 co-presidents' respective administrative assistants
11 shall jointly recommend the committee assignment of
12 each bill and resolution. If they cannot agree, the
13 co-presidents shall meet to resolve the conflict. If
14 the co-presidents cannot agree, the committee
15 assignment shall be determined jointly by the co-
16 presidents and the co-floor leaders. If the four
17 leaders cannot agree, the bill or resolution in
18 dispute shall be assigned to the Committee on Rules
19 and Administration.

20 d. Except for the weekly rotation of duties
21 described above, the co-presidents shall jointly
22 perform all of the remaining duties and
23 responsibilities of the office of President of the
24 Senate and may represent the entire Senate in that
25 capacity. Such powers of the president shall not be
26 exercised individually by a co-president without the
27 prior agreement of both co-presidents. These
28 decisions shall include, but not be limited to,
29 appointment powers, approval of Senate expenditures,
30 and approval of travel requests.

1 SEC. 4. STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEES. The various
2 standing committees of the Senate shall each have an
3 equal number of Democratic and Republican members and
4 shall each have two co-chairs, a Democratic chair
5 named by the Democratic floor leader and a Republican
6 chair named by the Republican floor leader. The co-
7 chairs shall jointly perform the duties and
8 responsibilities of the committee chair, including
9 committee administration, staff assignments, and
10 scheduling. The co-chairs shall agree upon a
11 procedure for dividing the duties of presiding at
12 committee meetings. The powers of the chair shall not
13 be exercised individually by a co-chair without the
14 prior agreement of both co-chairs, except that any co-
15 chair may individually request a study bill on behalf
16 of the committee.

17 SEC. 5. CO-FLOOR LEADERS. Except as otherwise
18 provided in these extraordinary policies, the
19 Democratic floor leader and Republican floor leader
20 shall jointly perform the duties and responsibilities
21 of the offices of Senate Majority Leader and Minority
22 Leader, including but not limited to appointment
23 powers, approval of Senate expenditures, and approval
24 of travel requests.

25 In addition, the daily debate calendar shall be
26 determined jointly by the co-floor leaders. Bills and
27 resolutions to be debated and the time of such debate
28 shall be decided jointly by the co-floor leaders.
29 Only bills that both have approved shall be debated.
30 The responsibilities of the floor leader during debate

1 and for the distribution of the daily debate calendar
2 and the Senate's weekly calendar shall rotate on a
3 weekly basis in such a manner that the Republican
4 floor leader shall discharge those responsibilities
5 the weeks that the Democratic co-president is
6 presiding and the Democratic floor leader shall
7 discharge those responsibilities the weeks that the
8 Republican co-president is presiding.

9 SEC. 6. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. The 12 members of
10 the Senate appointed to the Legislative Council shall
11 be as follows: the two co-presidents, the two co-
12 floor leaders, the two presidents pro tempore, the two
13 committee on appropriations co-chairs, and two
14 Democratic members and two Republican members selected
15 at large. The Democratic floor leader will chair the
16 Legislative Council in 2005 and the Republican floor
17 leader will chair the Legislative Council in 2006.

18 SEC. 7. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE AND
19 OTHER STATUTORY COMMITTEES. The five positions
20 appointed by the Senate to the Administrative Rules
21 Review Committee shall be distributed as follows: For
22 calendar year 2005, three positions shall be held by
23 Republicans and two positions shall be held by
24 Democrats. For calendar year 2006, three positions
25 shall be held by Democrats and two positions shall be
26 held by Republicans. This policy shall supersede all
27 other provisions of law or rules relating to the
28 senators appointed to the Administrative Rules Review
29 Committee. All other statutory committees that
30 require the appointment of an odd number of senators

1 shall have those positions distributed in the same
2 fashion as above with the question of which party will
3 hold the majority of positions in 2005 and 2006 for
4 each committee to be agreed upon by the co-floor
5 leaders

6 SEC. 8. TERMINATION. These extraordinary policies
7 shall immediately terminate in the event one political
8 party reaches or exceeds 26 elected and sworn members.
9 At that time, the Senate shall reorganize and elect
10 new officers.

11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35