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COMMITTEE REPORT

January 24, 2017

**H. 3499**

Introduced by Rep. White

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**THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**

To whom was referred a House Resolution (H. 3499) to amend Rule 5.3B. of the Rules of the House of Representatives, relating to general appropriations and supplemental appropriations bills and germaneness and amendments related to these bills, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

ALAN D. CLEMMONS for Committee.

**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO AMEND RULE 5.3B. OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILLS AND GERMANENESS AND AMENDMENTS RELATED TO THESE BILLS, SO AS TO REDUCE FROM FIVE MILLION TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS THOSE AMENDMENTS REQUIRING CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS OR REVENUE INCREASES, AND TO ADD A REQUIREMENT THAT THE SPEAKER MUST CONSULT WITH THE OFFICE OF REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS AND CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF SUFFICIENT UNSPENT REVENUE OR BALANCE BEFORE THE HOUSE MAY CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT WHICH IDENTIFIES UNSPENT PROJECTED REVENUE OR BALANCE AS THE FUNDING SOURCE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 5.3B. of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

“B. Germaneness and Amendments: The General Appropriations Bill and Supplemental Appropriations Bills may include both temporary and permanent provisions of law. The substantial effect of all temporary provisions of law and amendments thereto must be directly germane to the appropriation of funds, affecting revenue, or be rules, regulations, directives, or procedures relative to the appropriation of funds or affecting revenue for the fiscal year referred to in the bill. The substantial effect of all permanent provisions of law and amendments thereto must be directly related to and expressly germane to the purpose of an appropriation being made or revenue provided therein for the fiscal year referred to in the bill. An amendment which has the effect of appropriating funds in excess of ~~five~~ one million dollars during the fiscal year stated within the bill shall include within the amendment the corresponding appropriation reduction(s) and/or revenue increase(s) within the same section that shall fully fund the amendment’s proposed appropriation(s) or have attached to it in writing an explanation of the specific appropriation reduction(s) and/or revenue increase(s) from the different section(s) that shall fully fund the amendment’s proposed appropriation(s). Provided, if an amendment identifies unspent projected revenue or balance as the funding source, the Speaker must consult with the Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and confirm the existence of sufficient unspent revenue or balance before the House may consider the amendment. The provisions of this paragraph shall be narrowly and strictly construed with regard to all provisions of and amendments to the General Appropriations Bill and Supplemental Appropriations Bills.”

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