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SENATE RESOLUTION amending section 1 of Rule VIII of the Senate rules,
in relation to the standing committee on Agriculture

RESOLVED, That section 1 of Rule VIII of the Senate rules is amended to
read as follows:

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees which
shall serve and shall continue throughout the year:

To consist of thirty-seven Senators:

Finance

To consist of twenty-five Senators:

Rules

To consist of twenty-three Senators:

Judiciary

To consist of nineteen Senators:

Banks

Transportation

Education

Higher Education

Insurance

To consist of seventeen Senators:

Health

To consist of sixteen Senators:

Codes

Labor

To consist of thirteen Senators:

Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

Environmental Conservation

Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AGRICULTURE

To consist of eleven Senators:

Aging

Civil Service and Pensions

Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business

Energy and Telecommunications

[Agriculture]

Consumer Protection

Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

Racing, Gaming and Wagering

To consist of nine Senators:

Elections

Housing, Construction and Community Development

Infrastructure and Capital Investment

Investigations and Government Operations

Local Government

To consist of seven Senators:

Children and Families

Cities

Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

Social Services

Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

To consist of six Senators:

Ethics

a. The Republican Conference Leader, the Democratic Conference Leader and the Independent Democratic Conference Leader and their Deputies shall be nonvoting ex-officio members of all standing committees of the

Senate of which they are not actual members. As far as practicable, Senators shall be appointed to no more than seven standing committees.

b. Term limits for chairs and ranking members. No chair or ranking member of a committee shall serve in such capacity longer than eight

consecutive years.

c. Conference membership of committees. The membership of all committees, unless otherwise provided by the act or resolution creating them, shall be composed, as nearly as may be, of Coalition and Democratic Conference members in the same proportion as the number of Coalition and Democratic Conference members in the Senate bears to the total membership of the Senate.

For purposes of committee composition, in the event that the proportion of Coalition members would result in a fractional amount, the number of Coalition members shall be rounded up to the next whole number. Furthermore, the total number of Independent Democratic Conference members appointed to all committees shall be in the same proportion, as nearly as may be, as the number of Independent Democratic Conference members in the Senate bears to the total membership of the Senate. Further, in the case of an excused absence of any committee member on either the Finance or the Rules Committee, the Conference Leaders may designate an alternate member of the conference for meetings of standing committees provided written notice is provided and accepted by the Coalition Leaders at least one hour prior to the commencement of such committee meeting.

d. The provisions of this Rule may be amended by resolution adopted by a majority of members elected.