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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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22 WHEREAS, currently all legislative committees of the Senate and the
23 House of Representatives hold meetings during the legislative session at
24 10:00 a.m. each morning; and

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26 WHEREAS, having all legislative committee meetings running concurrently
27 with each other makes it extremely difficult for members of the public to
28 attend multiple meetings in which they may have an interest; and

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30 WHEREAS, having all legislative committee meetings running concurrently
31 with each other makes it extremely difficult for legislators serving as
32 members of a committee and running multiple bills in other committees to
33 attend all the meetings necessary to testify regarding their bills and to
34 hear testimony important to them in reaching voting decisions; and

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36 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the legislators and members of the



1 public for the Senate, through its Senate Efficiency Committee, and the House
2 of Representatives, through its House Management Committee, to undertake a
3 study regarding an alternate scheduling procedure of legislative committee
4 meetings for future legislative sessions; and

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6 WHEREAS, pursuing an alternate scheduling procedure for legislative
7 committee meetings would improve the efficiency of the legislative committees
8 of the Senate and the House of Representatives, encourage more public
9 participation in legislative committee meetings, and improve transparency of
10 legislative actions and procedures,

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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
14 OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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16 THAT the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth
17 General Assembly shall study ways to improve the efficiency of legislative
18 session committee meeting schedules.

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