

IN THE SENATE

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A SENATE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF RULE 3 OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the Senate deems it necessary and desirable that Rule 3 of the Rules of the Senate be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate, assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, that Rule 3 of the Rules of the Senate shall be amended to read as follows:

RULE 3

Organization. -- (A) At the first meeting of the Senate at which a quorum shall be present, the Senate shall proceed to elect a President Pro Tempore and a Secretary and shall adopt temporary rules which, unless otherwise specifically stated, shall be the permanent rules of the preceding session.

Seating. -- (B) Following election of its leadership, the Senate shall be declared "at ease" and the Senators shall retire to the sides of the Senate and proceed to select their seats in the following manner:

(1) The President Pro Tempore, Majority and Assistant Majority Leader, Minority and Assistant Minority Leader, and Majority and Minority Caucus Chairman shall first select their seats, in the order listed.

(2) Former members of the Senate shall next select their seats and those with consecutive terms immediately prior to the present session shall have priority over those with the same or a greater number of nonconsecutive terms, and of those not having served immediately prior to the present session, priority shall be consistent with the total number of terms served in the Senate.

In the event two or more Senators, not having served a term immediately prior to the present session, shall have served an equal number of past terms, service in the House of Representatives shall be computed to determine priority as between them.

(3) Former members of the House of Representatives shall next select their seats and those having served the greatest number of terms in the House of Representatives shall have priority.

(4) The names of all remaining Senators shall be placed in a receptacle by the Secretary and by him withdrawn therefrom and as the name of each Senator is withdrawn, he shall proceed to the seat selected by him until the business of selecting seats shall be completed.

(5) The seating arrangements set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be subject to the provision that the members of each party shall be seated as nearly as possible in adjacent seats, and in the event one party has a majority which requires seating a portion of its members on the side of the Chamber occupied by the minority, such majority party shall have the right to select

1 as many seats as may be necessary to accommodate its membership on the side  
2 closest to the regular seats of the majority party, subject only to Paragraph  
3 B(1) of this rule and the minority party shall be required to make such seats  
4 available to the members of the majority party.

5 (6) On and after December 1, 2024, prior substitution in either the  
6 House or Senate shall not count as time served for determining seniority.

7 Substitutes. -- (C) A substitute shall exercise the powers and duties  
8 of a Senator while acting as a substitute, but the Senator shall retain the  
9 office.