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SENATE RESOLUTION providing for a Temporary Senate Committee on Rules and Administration Reform

WHEREAS, The Senate finds that there is a need for a thorough review of the legislative process in the Senate and of the administration of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, The Senate is committed to reforming the rules of the Senate, as well as the administration of the Senate generally, to create a more participatory and transparent legislative process; and

WHEREAS, The effort to change the legislative process in order to ensure a more open, effective and responsive Senate should be undertaken openly, and with the input of the public and interested organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Temporary Senate Committee on Rules and Administration Reform is hereby established, to consist of nine Senators appointed by the Temporary President of the Senate, two of whom shall be designated by the Temporary President to serve as Co-Chairs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Temporary Committee is hereby directed to make recommendations relating to revising the Senate Rules to ensure a participatory and transparent legislative process in which each member of the house has the opportunity to influence the legislative process; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Temporary Committee is hereby directed to make recommendations relating to improving the administration of the Senate, including greater use of the Internet and other electronic media to provide more legislative information to the public, such as live and archived coverage of Senate floor sessions, committee hearings, press conferences and special events; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all hearings and meetings of the Temporary Committee shall be subject to the provisions of article 7 of the public officers law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Temporary Committee is hereby directed to make a written report to the Temporary President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Senate no later than April 13, 2009.