A Senate resolution

amending the Temporary Rules of the Senate.

Temporary Senate Rule No. 37 is amended to read:

37. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

A member or officer of the Senate may not be absent from a session of the Senate unless excused by the Senate. For the purposes of this rule only, a member is present when present in the Senate chamber or when voting from a location outside of the chamber, as provided in Rules 40.7 and 40.8. The name of a member excused must be printed in the Journal.

Temporary Senate Rule No. 40.2 is amended to read:

40.2 Except as provided in Rules 40.7 and 40.8, a member may vote on a question or be counted on a division only at the member's own seat in the Senate Chamber.

Temporary Senate Rule No. 40.5 is amended to read:

40.5 A roll call vote may not be interrupted except: (1) to announce the vote of a member voting remotely, as provided in Rule 40.8, and (2) to close the roll as provided in Rule 41.3.

Temporary Senate Rule No. 40 is amended by adding sections to read:

40.7 During a peacetime public health emergency, a member may vote on a question from a location outside the Senate chamber, in accordance with Rule 40.8. For the purposes of this rule, "peacetime public health emergency" means any peacetime emergency declared by the Governor in an executive order that relates to the infectious disease known as COVID-19.

40.8 When permissible under Rule 40.7, a member may authorize a designee chosen by the respective caucus leader to vote on the member's behalf while the member is at a location outside of the Senate chamber. When a member assigns the member's vote to a designee under this rule,

the designee shall vote on the member's behalf as directed by the member on each question. The Secretary may adopt procedures to ensure the accurate and efficient administration of this rule.