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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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**S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N**

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEARS 2015-2016

Introduced By: Senators Lynch Prata, Goodwin, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 23, 2016

Referred To: Senate Rules

1           RESOLVED, That Senate Rule 6.7 as presently in effect is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:  
3           6.7 Minority Representation.  
4           When there is no minority member present and the committee is to consider a bill, the  
5 committee chair shall notify the office of the minority leader. ~~that there is no senator from the~~  
6 ~~minority member present.~~ Unless waived by the minority leader, the committee shall not conduct  
7 business for a reasonable time not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes or until a ~~senator from the~~  
8 ~~minority~~ minority member of the committee is present. Once a minority member is present, his or  
9 her subsequent absence will not require further notice to the minority leader. For the purposes of  
10 this rule, an independent senator shall be considered to be a minority member.

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