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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

SENATE RESOLUTION

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:

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6.7 Minority Representation.

When there is no minority member present and the committee is to consider a bill, the

committee chair shall notify the office of the minority leader that there is no senator from the

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

her subsequent absence will not require further notice to the minority leader. For the purposes of

this rule, an independent senator shall be considered to be a minority member.

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