Proposed Rule Changes of the 109th Legislature, 1st Session

#	Senator	Topic	Quick Synopsis	Rule/Source Number	NFFV's Position
Rule Change #1	McKinney	Introducers Signing Bills	Removes the limit on the numbers of bills each Senator can introduce.	Rule 5. Sec 4.	Oppose
Rule Change #2	Cavanaugh, M.	Select Committees	Would require a extensive background check on gubernatorial appointments to include, but not limited to, filed conflict of interest statements, media stories, and criminal history records.	Rule 3. Sec 4.	Oppose
Rule Change #3	DeBoer	Shall the Debate Cease	Take away the presiding officer's ability to rule the "previous question out of order" when the question is "Shall the debate now close".	Rule 7, Sec 4.	Support
Rule Change #4	DeBoer	Transgression of Rules, Call Member to Order	Puts limits on the presiding officer or any member calling to order a fellow member. Those limits are "at any time before the end of the legislative day during which such transgression occurred".	Rule 2. Sec 8.	Support
Rule Change #5	DeBoer	Motion in Writing, Withdrawal	Removes the presiding office as sole individual who can call for a division.	Rule 7, Sec 3.	Neutral
Rule Change #6	Hansen	Select Committees	Would require appointments by the Governor be considered individually by the Legislature.	Rule 3, Sec 4.	Support
Rule Change #7	Lonowski	Senator Desiring to Speak	Defines a process to ensure speaking members maintain germane speech on the legislature floor.	Rule 2, Sec 7.	Support
Rule Change #8	Lippincott	Title of Rule	Would change cloture vote thresholds from two-thirds to three-fifths.	Rule 7, Sec 10.	Support
Rule Change #9	Lippincott	Cloture	Would take away the presiding officer's ability to overrule a motion for cloture. It would also change the threshold votes from two-thirds elected majority to two-thirds voting members with no fewer than 25 affirmative votes.	Rule 7, Sec 10.	Support
Rule Change #10	Lippincott	Motion for Debate on Rules Changes	Establishes a rule for debate on rule changes.	Rule 11	Support
Rule Change #11	Lippincott	Chairperson, Vice Chairperson	Would eliminate the secret ballot	Sec 8.	Support
Rule Change #12	Lippincott	Exective Sessions and Closed Meetings	Would remove members of the news media from executive sessions	Sec 16.	Oppose
Rule Change #13	Lippincott	Motions and Amendments for Dilatory Purposes	establishes a way to limit or slow down to number of motions and amendments put forth for dilatory purposes.	Sec 11.	Support
Rule Change #14	Lippincott	Motion to Call the Quesetion	Rewrites the steps to end debate.	Rule 7, Sec 4.	Support
Rule Change #15	Lippincott	Machine Voting, Electric Roll Call and Show of Hands	Establishes all votes shall be taken viva voce, no exceptions.	Rule 7 Sec 2.	Support
Rule Change #16	Lippincott	General File	Limits the number of times certain motions can be made on any one bill.	Rule 6, Sec 3.	Support
Rule Change #17	Lippincott	Redistricting Committee	Removes political party considerations or requirements of Redistricting Committee members.	Rule 3, Sec 6.	Support
Rule Change #18	Lippincott			Numerous	Support
Rule Change #19	Clements	Overrule ruling of the Chair	Further defines the process of overruling the Chair	Rule 1. Sec 12.	Support
Rule Change #20	Cavanaugh, M.	Chamber, Guests, Distribution of Material	Would prohibit firearms and other lethal weapons from being in the legislative chamber with the exception of law enforcement personal.	Rule 2, Sec 3.	Oppose
Rule Change #21	Ibach	Introducers Signing Bills	Changes when introducers of bills have to submit a statement of intent for each of their bills - within one calendar day after the bill's introduction.	Rule 5, Sec 4.	Support
Rule Change #22	Kauth	Title of Rule	Would change cloture vote thresholds from two-thirds elected members to two-thirds elected members present and voting.	Rule 7, Sec 10.	Support
Rule Change #23	Kauth	Presiding Officer, Order in Designating	Changes the order in designating a presiding officer if both the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker are absent.	Rule 1, Sec 6.	Neutral
Rule Change #24	Holdcraft	Reconsideration	Adds a limitation to a motion to reconsider.	Rule 7, Sec 7.	Neutral