

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the Rules of the House
3 of Representatives are amended by striking Rule 13 and inserting in its place a new rule to
4 read as follows:

5 "Rule 13. (a) When the House is in session, Representatives shall conduct themselves at
6 all times with dignity and in a manner to ensure decorum in the deliberations of the body
7 and shall be called to order by the Speaker for activities to the contrary, including eating
8 at desks, reading newspapers and other materials not pertinent to legislation, unnecessary
9 conversation, and inappropriate dress. In addition, Representatives shall conduct
10 themselves with dignity and in a manner to ensure decorum at all times in their offices and
11 offices of other members of the General Assembly and in related work areas used by
12 members of the General Assembly, including all committee rooms in the Capitol and the
13 Legislative Office Building.

14 (b) The members of the House shall refrain from private conversations and shall preserve
15 silence when another member has the floor and is speaking.

16 (c) There shall be no smoking in the House of Representatives chamber or in the House
17 anterooms while the House is in session, or in any committee or subcommittee meeting
18 thereof. There shall be no smoking in the restrooms on the north side of the House
19 chamber while the House is in session."