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1	TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:		
2	The Committee on Rules to which was referred Joint Senate Resolution		
3	No. 24 entitled "Joint resolution relating to amending temporary Joint Rule		
4	22A" respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that		
5	the House propose to the Senate that the resolution be amended by striking out		
6	all after the title and inserting in lieu thereof the following:		
7	Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:		
8	That Temporary Joint Rule 22A is amended to read as follows:		
9	Rule 22A Emergency Rule Regarding Joint Committee Meetings		
10	(a) The Joint Rules Committee is vested with the authority to permit any		
11	joint committees of the Vermont Legislature (including itself and Conference		
12	Committees) to meet and vote electronically as the Joint Rules Committee		
13	determines appropriate. If necessary, the Joint Rules Committee may make		
14	this authorization remotely in conformity with this Rule.		
15	(b) The authority of the Joint Rules Committee under this Rule 22A		
16	terminates upon the expiration of the Executive's Declared Emergency shall		
17	only be in effect through the 30 days following the date on which the Governor		
18	rescinds all remaining capacity restrictions at gatherings and events and mask		
19	and physical distancing requirements issued under the Governor's Declaration		
20	of a State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19 as determined by the Joint		
21	Rules Committee.		

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1	(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this rule, if the		
2	Governor thereafter reissues capacity restrictions at gatherings and events or		
3	requires masks and physical distancing in response to COVID-19, the Joint		
4	Rules Committee is again authorized to meet remotely and to permit any joint		
5	committees of the Legislature to meet and vote electronically as the Joint Rules		
6	Committee determines appropriate., and be it further		
7	<b>Resolved:</b> If the Joint Rules Committee determines that there should be		
8	conditions on the public entering the State House or other legislative meeting		
9	spaces, or limitations on access to legislative meeting spaces, due to air quality		
10	or construction, the inability to comply with Centers for Disease Control and		
11	Prevention guidelines, or other similar reasons, the Joint Rules Committee is		
12	authorized to issue orders to the Sgt at Arms that condition or limit that public		
13	access.		
14	and that after passage the title of the resolution be amended to read: "Joint		
15	resolution relating to amending temporary Joint Rule 22A and to public access		
16	to the State House or other legislative meeting spaces"		
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18	(Committee vote:)		
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20		Representative	
21		FOR THE COMMITTEE	

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