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Hutter HR No. 8

Abstract: Provides for certain priority in signing a conference committee report for the chairman of the committee that reported the instrument or the member appointed to the conference committee in place of such chairman.

<u>Present House Rule</u> provides for House appointees to a conference committee as follows:

- (1) The member who authored or handled the instrument, or in his absence, a member appointed by the Speaker.
- (2) The chairman of the committee that reported the instrument, or in his absence, the vice chairman of such committee, or in their absence, a member appointed by the Speaker from among the members of such committee.
- (3) One member appointed by the Speaker.

<u>Proposed House Rule</u>, relative to signing a conference committee report, provides that the chairman of the House committee that reported the instrument or the member appointed to the conference committee in place of such chairman (as provided in <u>present House Rule</u> – see (2) above) shall be given the opportunity to sign the conference committee report before all other conferees in the case of a House instrument and before all other House conferees in the case of a Senate instrument.

(Adds House Rule 6.14(C))