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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, currently all legislative committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives hold meetings during the legislative session at 10:00 a.m. each morning; and

WHEREAS, having all legislative committee meetings running concurrently with each other makes it extremely difficult for members of the public to attend multiple meetings in which they may have an interest; and

WHEREAS, having all legislative committee meetings running concurrently with each other makes it extremely difficult for legislators serving as members of a committee and running multiple bills in other committees to attend all the meetings necessary to testify regarding their bills and to hear testimony important to them in reaching voting decisions; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the legislators and members of the



public for the Senate, through its Senate Efficiency Committee, and the House of Representatives, through its House Management Committee, to undertake a study regarding an alternate scheduling procedure of legislative committee meetings for future legislative sessions; and

WHEREAS, pursuing an alternate scheduling procedure for legislative committee meetings would improve the efficiency of the legislative committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, encourage more public participation in legislative committee meetings, and improve transparency of legislative actions and procedures,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly shall study ways to improve the efficiency of legislative session committee meeting schedules.