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TO: Secretary of the Senate Francis W. Patience

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: RECORDS REQUEST: Resolution referred to by Rule VIII, §8 of the Senate Rules adopted June 9, 2009

On Senator John Bonacic's website, there is a posting from June 9, 2009 entitled "New Senate Rules", which states:

"Attached are the new Senate Rules adopted June 9, 2009. These rules substantially reform the way the Senate operates, largely in line with the report I issued in April along with Senators Griffo and Winner."

<http://www.nysenate.gov/blogs/2009/jun/09/new-senate-rules>.

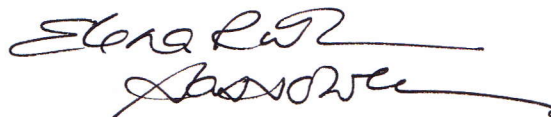
Rule VIII thereof is entitled "Standing Committee" and its final §8 is as follows:

"§8. Committee and Leadership staff.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the house, committees and leadership will receive funding for necessary staff. The adopted resolution shall state the exact amount each committee or leadership position is to receive for staffing purposes. In the case of lesser committees, the committee shall receive, at a minimum, a budget sufficient for the minority to employ one committee clerk. Each committee shall allocate such funds to the chairman and the ranking minority member on a proportional basis. The majority shall be allocated that percentage based upon the number of majority members in the house divided by the total number of members in the house and the minority shall receive a percentage based upon the number of minority members in the house divided by the total number of members in the house. In no case shall the minority party receive less than thirty-three percent of the funds allocated for committee staff."

Pursuant to current Senate Rule XV "Freedom of Information", request is made for the referred-to Senate resolution "stat[ing] the exact amount each committee or leadership position [was] to receive for staffing purposes".

Thank you.



cc: Senator John Bonacic