

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to SR 459:

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that all persons testifying before the Senate tell the truth; providing for sanctions  
2 for persons found to have lied to the Senate; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, hearing testimony from members of the public is a critical part of the legislative  
4 process; and

5 WHEREAS, it is vital for the Senate to ensure the truthfulness of testimony presented to this  
6 body; and

7 WHEREAS, if the Senate determines that a person has lied in testimony before this body,  
8 appropriate action is necessary to ensure public trust in the legislative process.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that all persons testifying  
10 before the General Assembly are most strongly requested to be truthful and honest in all  
11 testimony presented to this body and all of its committees.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this body determines that a person has lied in  
13 testimony presented to the Senate, or one of its committees, after providing appropriate due  
14 process for such person, such person shall be subject to contempt and may be prohibited from  
15 presenting further testimony to this body for the remainder of the session in which the  
16 untruthful testimony occurred.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate provide awareness and information to  
18 persons testifying before the Senate that lying undermines the effectiveness and  
19 appropriateness of the actions of this body.