

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
51ST LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Vincent, on January 31, 1989
at 3:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Kelly Addy, Rep. Dave Brown, Rep. Jerry Driscoll, Rep. John Mercer, Rep. Tom Hannah, Rep. Jack Ramirez, Rep. John Vincent, Rep. Joe Quilici, Rep. Dennis Iverson. Rep. Hal Harper excused, arrived at the meeting at 3:20 PM.

Staff Present: Bob Person, Legislative Council

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

A Joint Resolution Of The Senate And The House Of Representatives Of The State Of Montana Amending The Joint Rules By Adding A Section Providing For Leadership Oversight Of Joint Legislative Agencies And Committees.

Representative Vincent said he and Rep. Ramirez agreed to introduce the resolution to give the four legislative leadership members informal oversight of legislative agencies. This arrangement is commonly used by most states. Rep. Marks feels a more formal arrangement by law is needed and he will introduce a bill which would supercede this resolution.

Roger Tippy, citizen member of the LRIC Committee and proponent, presented a proposed amendment for consideration. He spoke in support of Rep. Vincent's resolution, as a management effort to coordinate equipment purchases and to address problems between legislative agencies by providing a forum for planning. There were no opponents

Rep. Quilici had questions about ordering equipment. Rep. Vincent answered he believed each house could, under this informal arrangement, decide to do what they wanted and he believed a formal statutory change would work better.

MOTION: By Rep. Ramirez: I move HJR 14 be concurred in. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Amendments to House Bill No. 52
First Reading Copy

Requested by Hal Harper
For the Committee on Rules

Prepared by Robert Person
January 18, 1989

1. Title, lines 6 through 8.

Strike: "DEFINING" on line 6 through "CONSTITUTION;" on line 8

2. Title, line 11.

Following: "LEADERSHIP;"

Insert: "AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ROUND TRIPS
DURING A REGULAR SESSION;"

3. Page 1, line 16 through page 2, line 5.

Strike: Section 1 in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent sections

4. Page 2, line 8.

Following: "(1)"

Insert: "Legislators are entitled to a salary for the regular session commensurate to 90 times the daily rate of a grade 8, step 2, classified state employee in effect when the regular session of the legislature in which they serve is convened under 5-2-103. The president, the majority leader, and the minority leader of the senate and the speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader of the house shall receive an additional \$450 in salary for the regular session. The salary shall be paid in seven equal installments beginning with the first pay period following approval of the appropriation for operation of the legislature and continuing each two weeks thereafter.

(2)"

Renumber: subsequent subsections

5. Page 2, line 9.

Strike: "six times"

6. Page 2, line 12.

Strike: "each calendar week"

Insert: "those days"

HOUSE BILL 52

Consideration of further amendments to House Bill 52

Rep. Harper opened the discussion by pointing out that the draft amendments prepared by Bob Person following the January 18 committee hearing of HB 52 do not cover special sessions or a session less than 90 days. The committee then deferred to consideration of a draft amendment prepared for this hearing by Roger Tippy.

Rep. Rehberg presented the Tippy proposed amendments, which will:

1. Allow the presiding officer of each house to designate those days, when the floor session is dispensed with to do committee work, as a legislative day.
2. Handle proration during the recess periods.
3. Provide same for special sessions and sessions less than 90 days.

MOTION: By Rep. Jack Ramirez: I move the amendments to House Bill 52 be concurred in. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Hannah said he thought the "leadership" as mentioned in the amendments should include all the leaders of each house: - Senate President, President Pro Tem, Majority Floor Leader, Majority Whip, Minority Floor Leader and Minority Whip -House Speaker, Speaker Pro Tem, Majority Leader, Majority Whip, Minority Floor Leader, Minority Whip. Total of 12.

Rep. Harper would further like to clarify the amendments by including:

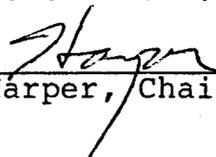
"Amend page 4, line 18, strike "(3)", insert "(2)" and on page 4, line 22 strike ["Section 2.1] is", insert [Section 2 (1) and (3)] are".

MOTION: By Rep. Tom Hannah: I so move the additional amendments. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: By Rep. Jack Ramirez: I move the bill be concurred in.

Discussion on the motion included questions: Is this retrospective for this session? Answer by Hannah "Yes". Ramirez asked questions regarding codification in a bill of Hannah's currently being heard. By general agreement, committee members agreed to try to refer HB 52 to the House Legislative Administration Committee.

Rep. Ramirez withdrew his motion to move the bill.



Hal Harper, Chairman

HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE: 1-31-89

ROOM: 420

TIME: 3:00 Pm.

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	
HARPER, Hal (D), Chairman	✓			
VINCENT, John (D), Vice Chair	✓			
ADDY, Kelly (D)	✓			
BROWN, Dave (D)	✓			
DRISCOLL, Jerry, (D)	✓			
QUILICI, Joe (D)	✓			
HANNAH, Tom (R)	✓			
IVERSON, Dennis (R)	✓			
MERCER, John (R)	✓			
RAMIREZ, Jack (R)	✓			

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Rules report that HOUSE
JOINT RESOLUTION 14 (first reading copy -- white) do pass .

Signed: Hal Harper
Hal Harper, Chairman