

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
51ST LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: By Chairman Harper, on February 16, 1989 at 3:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Hal Harper, Rep. John Vincent, Rep. Kelly Addy, Rep. Dave Brown, Rep. Joe Quilici, Rep. Tom Hannah, Rep. Dennis Iverson and Rep. Jack Ramirez.

Members Absent: Rep. Jerry Driscoll and Rep. John Ramirez.

Staff Present: Bob Person - Director, Legislative Council
Judy Rippingale - Legislative Fiscal Analyst

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. HB 681

AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; REPLACING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WITH A LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.....

Rep. Bob Marks, bill sponsor, gave opening testimony explaining the following impacts of HB 681:

1. Reorganize legislative support entities.
2. Create Legislative Management Council, an umbrella organization which will take the place of Legislative Council. EQC, Audit, LFA and other divisions, for a total of seven, would also be under the new Management Council. No new divisions will be created. The Consumer Council is exempt.
3. The Montana-western Canadian Advisory Committee will have nine members appointed equally from the Senate, House, and political parties, with the Governor or his designee serving as Chairman.
4. Interim and study committee members and the number on them will be determined and appointed by the council, rather than by the Speaker.
5. The Council will hire a director, establish a uniform employee classification, and make all management decisions.

PROPOSERS: Rep. Dennis Rehberg, Kay Foster, Mike Vohler, and Roger Tippy, all members of the LRIC Study Committee, spoke in support of the bill as a method of providing good management and good government.

OPPONENTS: Rep. Brown and Rep. Quilici expressed opposition to the bill as unnecessary, with things in it that bothered them. Rep. Brown's question why the Consumer Council was left out was answered by Marks that the agency did not serve the Legislature.

(Chairman Harper left to attend a hearing; the chair was taken by Speaker Vincent.) Rep. Vincent closed the hearing on HB 681.

MOTION: by Rep. Jack Ramirez: I move the bill do pass.

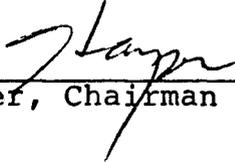
SUBSTITUTE MOTION: by Rep. Dave Brown: I move to table the bill.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: by Rep. Brown: I withdraw my motion to table the bill.

Rep. Vincent announced a call of the chair to adjournment.

MOTION: By Rep. Ramirez: I move the committee be adjourned.

Adjournment at 4:15 PM.



Hal Harper, Chairman

HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE: 2-16-89

ROOM: 420

TIME: 3:30 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)	✓			