

MINUTES OF MEETING

HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE

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January 4, 1977

The meeting of the House Rules Committee was called to order by Rep. Meloy, Chairman, on the above date in Room 343 at 11:50 A.M.

Members of the committee present were:

Rep. Bradley	Rep. Driscoll	Rep. Brand
Rep. Meloy	Rep. Marks	Rep. Moore
Rep. Fagg	Rep. Kvaalen	Rep. Bardanouve

House Resolution No. 1.

Rules to govern the proceedings of the House, in addition to the joint rules, were considered. Rep. Meloy stated that rules for the house needed to be adopted and reported out.

Following a general discussion, Rep. Bradley moved that House Rule H1-6 be eliminated in its entirety.

Rep. Driscoll mentioned that, as Speaker of the House, he has contemplated proposing that when the House is in session, no one will be allowed on the floor except legislators, former legislators, wives, and constituents with guides. There would be no interns or aides allowed; the legislators could confer with their aides and interns in the vestibule.

Following further discussion, Rep. Moore seconded Rep. Bradley's motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion regarding House Rule H1-4, Rep. Kvaalen moved to strike H1-4 in its entirety. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

It was unanimously decided to strike the words "and journal" from lines 7, 9-10, and 12, of Chapter 8, House Rule H8-1.

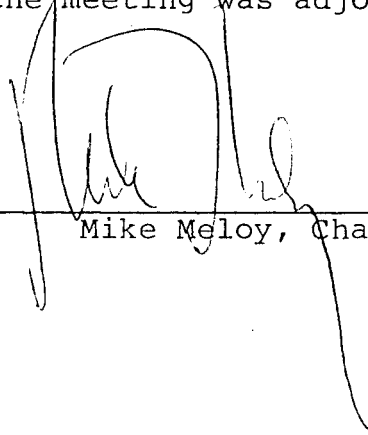
There was further discussion regarding floor privileges for aides and interns. Rep. Marks mentioned that he would like to see a differentiation made between aides and interns. Rep. Driscoll said there seemed to be some resentment towards the Legislative Council, that there may be privileges given to their interns that weren't granted to other interns. Rep. Fagg stated that the floor traffic should be controlled by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and that the interns and aides are here to learn and should be allowed access to the floor. Rep. Moore suggested setting aside an area in the middle of the gallery for interns and aides. Rep. Meloy felt that

the Sergeant-at-Arms should control the floor traffic and that the question of access should be directly addressed upon abuse of the privilege. Stronger measures should then be taken if the situation warrants. Rep. Bardanouve felt that the noise is a problem for some of the representatives with hearing problems. Rep. Meloy suggested that it be tried for a week or so and if there is a problem, then a rule could be made. Rep. Bardanouve and Rep. Moore were concerned about the background noise and felt that it needed to be controlled. Rep. Driscoll suggested that the sponsors of interns and aides could be advised to use discretion about allowing their interns and aides on the floor. Rep. Meloy thought that control should be on a case by case, day by day basis. Reps. Driscoll and Moore felt that a hard and fast rule could be devised.

Following this discussion, Rep. Moore moved that House Resolution No. 1 be adopted as amended. This motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

General discussion was had regarding Senator Turnage's proposal regarding legislative intent. It was decided that no position needed to be taken at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M.



Mike Meloy, Chairman

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. Speaker:

We, your committee on Rules

having had under consideration House Resolution No. 1

Bill No.

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO ADOPT RULES TO GOVERN ITS PROCEEDINGS IN ADDITION TO THE JOINT RULES.

Respectfully report as follows: That House Resolution No. 1

Bill No.

Be amended in the introduced bill as follows:

1. Amend page 2, section H1-4, lines 1 through 5.
Strike: section H1-4 in its entirety.
2. Amend page 2, section H1-5, line 6.
Strike: the figure H1-5
Insert: H1-4
3. Amend page 2, section H1-6, lines 11 through 15.
Strike: section H1-6 in its entirety.
4. Amend page 4, section 8, line 7.
Following: "Rules"
Strike: "and Journal"
5. Amend page 4, section 8, lines 9 and 10.
Following: "rules"
Strike: "and journal"
6. Amend page 4, section 8, line 12.
Following: "rules"
Strike: "and journal"

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