

MINUTES OF MEETING
HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE

February 22, 1977

The meeting of the House Rules Committee was called to order by Rep. Meloy, Chairman, on the above date in Room 343 at 12:45 P.M.

Members of the committee present were:

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

To be discussed were the annual sessions bills, House Bill 213 and House Bill 223.

Rep. Moore explained that the bill he put in (House Bill 223) is a rewritten Senate Bill 31 from last session. He felt that it might lose the Democratic vote, but he had pride of authorship. It was the first bill put in, and it received 99 votes in the last session. He said that Rep. Gerke's bill is that same bill with one sentence amended out. He said that he put the bill in, and it was the one he wanted to see out on the floor.

Rep. Bardanouve asked what was being proposed in the Gerke bill.

Rep. Driscoll replied that it proposed sixty day annual sessions with restrictions on the second sixty days.

Rep. Moore said again that the Gerke bill was the same as his with the exception of the one sentence, and he reiterated his pride of authorship.

Rep. Driscoll moved that House Bill 213 be taken off the table for consideration today.

A vote was taken. Rep. Moore voted nay and all others voted aye.
The motion carried.

Rep. Driscoll suggested that House Bill 223 be tabled for now.

Rep. Bradley said she would like to mull it over for a day or two.

Rep. Driscoll said that there were a number of people on the Democratic side who wouldn't vote for a Republican bill.

Rep. Bardanouve said he liked the Gerke bill better, but thought it a poor excuse to vote against a bill because it had a Republican's name on it.

Rep. Marks said they could take the same bill and put someone else's name on it.

Rep. Bardanouve said they shouldn't play political games, that there hadn't been much of that going on this session and lots of ill will would result from it.

Rep. Driscoll felt that the intent would be to get a bill on the floor with the most support, and that would be the Gerke bill.

Rep. Bardanouve thought the Gerke bill should be put out to see how far it flies. He didn't think they should be playing games.

Rep. Fagg inquired about Senator Brown's bill. He wondered what the vote in the Senate was.

Rep. Moore replied that it hadn't been voted on yet.

Rep. Bardanouve made a substitute motion that both House Bill 213 and House Bill 223 be sent to the floor.

Rep. Meloy strongly opposed that. He felt the best bill should be sent out.

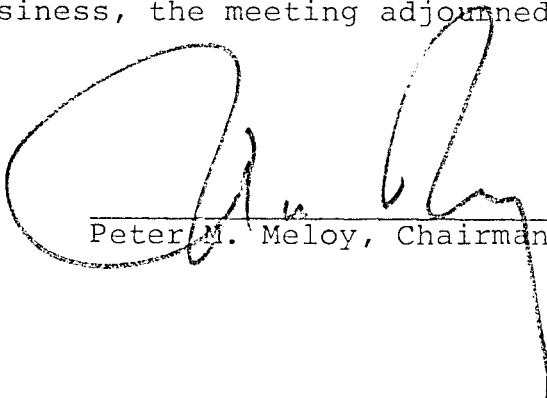
Rep. Marks said there was already a bill out that could pass and that it could be amended. He suggested that it be run through first to see how many votes it gets.

Rep. Bardanouve then withdrew his motion.

Rep. Driscoll moved the committee recommend that House Bill 213 do pass.

A vote was taken. Voting aye were Representatives Driscoll, Bradley, Brand, Bardanouve, Fagg, Marks, and Meloy. Voting nay were Representatives Moore and Kvaalen. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.



Peter M. Meloy, Chairman

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MR. Speaker

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We, your committee on

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 213

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET IN ANNUAL SESSIONS."

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 213

DO PASS