

MINUTES OF MEETING
HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE

February 25, 1977

The meeting of the House Rules Committee was called to order by Rep. Meloy, Chairman, on the above date in Room 343 at 5:45 P.M.

Members of the committee present were:

Rep. Bradley	Rep. Fagg
Rep. Brand	Rep. Marks
Rep. Driscoll	Rep. Meloy

Representatives Bardanouve and Moore were absent.

Representative Kvaalen was present at 5:50 P.M.

Rep. Meloy stated that the committee needed to decide about the Senate amendments to the Joint Rules (Appendix A).

Rep. Driscoll moved that the amendments be concurred in.

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

House Bill 281, sponsored by Rep. Halvorson, had been referred to the Rules Committee.

Rep. Driscoll moved that House Bill 281 be tabled.

Rep. Meloy explained that this bill had an adverse committee report from the Taxation Committee and that leaving it in the Rules Committee avoids having to act on it before Saturday.

Rep. Marks asked if this bill were going to be treated as an appropriations bill.

Rep. Meloy replied that he didn't think so, that it was put in the Rules Committee to decide that question. He didn't think it was a revenue bill.

Rep. Marks said he had talked to Rep. Halvorson the other night and that she thought it was.

Rep. Meloy said that Rep. Scully said that Rep. Halvorson had agreed the bill should be left in the Rules Committee.

Rep. Marks said he would go check with Rep. Halvorson.

Rep. Halvorson was present at this time. She said that if the bill were to be killed here, it would kill Senator Brown's bill in the Senate. She wondered if it could just be held some way.

Rep. Meloy questioned whether, if the committee decided this bill is not a revenue bill, two-thirds of the Senate would be needed to accept it if it's not transmitted by tomorrow. He said that if this bill is not acted on, the other bill could come over from the Senate.

Rep. Driscoll said the committee could choose not to act on the bill. It would then at least stay alive.

Rep. Kvaalen was present at this time. He asked what Senator Brown's bill was.

Rep. Halvorson explained that it would get rid of Keno. She said that Rep. Scully was planning to amend her bill on the floor to get down to Keno.

Rep. Driscoll said that Rep. Scully's concern was that Senator Brown's bill would not be receivable here.

Rep. Halvorson reiterated that Rep. Scully planned to bring her bill out and amend it on the floor.

Rep. Driscoll said that it could be kept alive if the Rules Committee were just to sit on it.

Rep. Meloy said that if the committee sat on the bill until past Saturday, then it would need two-thirds of the Senate to accept it.

Rep. Halvorson said there was no possibility of passing it in the shape it was in.

Rep. Meloy thought that Rep. Scully should table it.

Rep. Halvorson said she wanted to assure that Senator Brown's bill was not killed.

A vote was taken on Rep. Driscoll's motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.



Peter M. Meloy, Chairman

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Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Senate to inform your Honorable Body that the Senate has this day adopted the following amendment to the Joint Rules, and said amendment is herewith transmitted to the House for adoption:

1. Amend page 32, section 6-34, line 4.

Following: "after the"

Strike: "fifty-fifth"

Insert: "eightieth"

Following: "thereof."

Insert: "Any bill, resolution or amendment that shall have passed third reading on the final day of transmittal shall be considered as having been transmitted timely."

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Aagenes".

Nancy Aagenes
Secretary of the Senate

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