

MINUTES OF MEETING  
HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE

April 19, 1977

The meeting of the House Rules Committee was called to order by Rep. Meloy, Chairman, on the above date in Room 343 at 1:10 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

Representative Gerke was also present.

The question of the subcommittee on institutions operating during the interim was brought before the committee.

Rep. Moore said that the subcommittee on institutions was to remain as an oversight advisory committee and that there were no funds for this committee. He said the problem is how the committee is to be operated, who it would be composed of (right now there are two senators and four representatives on it), and how it will be funded.

Rep. Gerke explained that there would be one member on the subcommittee for every legislator. He hoped there would be enough money in the travel expense bill to give to the committee for funding, and he mentioned a possibility of getting some federal money. He said it wouldn't be a big thing, that they would meet two or three times a year, and that they wouldn't expect any salary but might try to get their expenses paid. He said the subcommittee would try to keep in touch with all the activities going on in the institutions. He said this was something new and different, and that it may work and it may not work.

Rep. Moore said it was a departure from the normal routine. He asked if this would in any way overlap or conflict with the Board of Institutions.

Rep. Gerke replied no. It would only be a follow-up on the consolidation of services, the minimum services of the mental health centers, and the transfer of people from Boulder to the communities.

Rep. Moore thought there would be an overlap.

Rep. Gerke stated that a legislative fiscal analyst would work with the subcommittee.

Rep. Moore said that the legislature would have a detailed program for the interim from the legislative fiscal analyst by the next meeting.

Rep. Driscoll moved that this be recommended to the floor for consideration.

Rep. Gerke said that it wasn't that big of a deal, that it was simply an experiment to see if the concept works.

Rep. Meloy called for a vote on the motion.

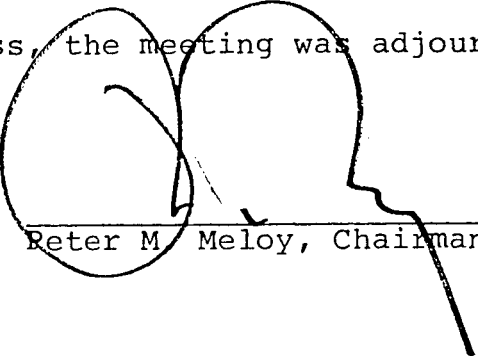
Rep. Moore made a substitute motion that the bill be put on the floor with no recommendation.

Rep. Meloy said it really didn't need all of this, that he would either make a motion on the floor that the subcommittee be authorized to operate during the interim, or he wouldn't make any motion at all.

Rep. Moore then withdrew his motion.

It was decided that this would be put to the floor with no recommendation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.



Peter M. Meloy, Chairman