

## MINUTES

### JOINT RULES COMMITTEE

The Joint Rules Committee met in room 331 of the capitol on March 26, 1977. Senator Murphy called the meeting to order at 11:49 a.m. Present were Senators Hazelbaker, McOmber, Mathers, Thiessen and Turnage; Representatives Bardanouve, Driscoll, Kvaalen, Meloy and Moore. Arriving after roll call were Senators Roberts and Stephens and Representative Dorothy Bradley. Absent were Representatives Brand, Fagg and Marks.

Senator Murphy turned the meeting over to Representative Meloy. Meloy stated that we are getting close to the 72nd day and the appropriation committee has said that action will not be taken on executive budget bills until next week, past the 72nd day. Therefore, the House would like to discuss the possibility of extending the deadline.

#### Discussion.

Senator Mathers said he thinks the House assumes that they are going to make the decision on everything and continuing to extend the deadline would leave little time for the Senate to spend on these bills. He said that he couldn't understand why it is taking so long and that he was not in favor of extending the deadline at all.

Representative Meloy said that they were not taking away the right of the Senate. He felt that they were making it easier for them to do their job. The alternative would be to send everything to the Senate, but we are saving you some work. He said

that they were trying to send a fairly well-balanced budget.

Senator Murphy asked if they were putting the Senate in a position of extending the 90 days.

Discussion then centered on the status of bills and how to pass them to the Senate.

Representative Driscoll moved that the deadline be extended for 5 days from the 72nd legislative day to the 77th legislative day for the transmittal of appropriation and revenue bills.

This motion was followed by extensive discussion. During the discussion, Senator McOmber left the meeting to convene the Senate and recess so that the meeting could continue.

Representative Bardanouve said that the big bills could be out on the floor on Wednesday; they would be reported out of committee on Monday.

A discussion then centered on the length of floor debate on several bills.

Senator Murphy asked if the House would consider extending the deadline to the 75th day, Friday, and up to that point the Senate would know what it had by Saturday, then the Senate could schedule hearings.

Discussion.

Senator Mathers asked why they didn't get the major appropriation bills to the Senate.

Senator McOmber asked if they could get the major bills over in 5 days?

Representative Bardanouve answered that he thought they could. He then explained the steps that would be needed to get the bills on the floor. He also said that they could begin writing the university bills now.

Representative Moore said they have a few bills that would not affect the general fund. He wanted to know why those could not be out of the House.

Representative Bardanouve answered as soon as we get our sub-committee report.

Representative Moore asked about the bills that have passed second reading, could they be put on third reading and let the Senate work on them.

Discussion.

Senator Mathers said that he thinks that we are making a mistake.

The question was called. Representative Meloy seconded the motion. The vote was taken. Voting aye were Senators Hazelbaker, McOmber, Murphy, Thiessen, Representatives Bardanouve, Bradley, Driscoll and Meloy; voting no were Senators Mathers and Turnage; abstaining were Senators Roberts, Stephens and Representative Moore. Absent and not voting were Representatives Brand, Fagg and Marks.

Senator Turnage made a statement for the record; he said that he wanted to observe that a week from Monday the House will be back wanting more time.

Discussion.

At this point, most of the House members left the meeting. Senator McOmber then asked the committee about the previous practice on conference committee assignments. If the House asked for them, a motion was made on the floor and then they were appointed. He then quoted from the Joint Rules 7-8 which states:


"If either house requests a conference and appoints a committee for the purpose of discussing an amendment on which the Senate and the House of Representatives cannot agree, the other house shall appoint a committee consisting..."

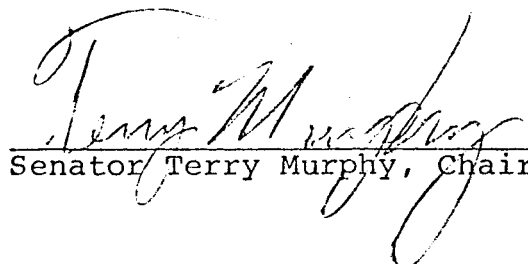
He then stated that the word shall would mean that they must appoint the committee and that a motion wouldn't be in order. He then asked the committee if they would back him up if he asked for motions.

Discussion was held, and the committee decided that a motion would be made and that they would back up the President.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo Ann F. Owens, Secretary

  
Senator Terry Murphy, Chairman

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_

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ROLL CALL VOTE ON \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 3/26/77

Present	Absent	Name of Member	Aye	No	Not Voting
		SENATE MEMBERS			
✓		HAZELBAKER, Frank			
✓		McOMBER, Gordon			
✓		MATHERS, Bill			
✓		MURPHY, Terry			
<i>late</i>		ROBERTS, Joe			
<i>late</i>		STEPHENS, Stan,			
✓		THIESSEN, Cornie			
✓		TURNAGE, Jean			
		HOUSE MEMBERS			
✓		BARDANOUVE, Francis			
<i>late</i>		BRADLEY, Dorothy M.			
	✓	BRAND, Joe			
		DRISCOLL, John			
	✓	FAGG, Harrison			
✓		KVAALLEN, Oscar S.			
	✓	MARKS, Robert L.			
✓		MELOY, Peter M. (Mike)			
✓		MOORE, Jack K.			

Colleen J. Owens  
Secretary

MOTION:

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		HAZELBAKER, Frank	✓		
		McOMBER, Gordon	✓		
		MATHERS, Bill		✓	
		MURPHY, Terry	✓		
		ROBERTS, Joe		<i>abstain</i>	
		STEPHENS, Stan,		<i>abstain</i>	
		THIESSEN, Cornie	✓		
		TURNAGE, Jean		✓	
		HOUSE MEMBERS			
		BARDANOUVE, Francis	✓		
		BRADLEY, Dorothy M.	✓		
		BRAND, Joe		<i>absent</i>	
		DRISCOLL, John	✓		
		FAGG, Harrison		<i>absent</i>	
		KVAALLEN, Oscar S.		✓	
		MARKS, Robert L.		<i>absent</i>	
		MELOY, Peter M. (Mike)	✓		
		MOORE, Jack K.		<i>abstain</i>	

*J. Ann L. Quares*  
Secretary

MOTION: #1

Move that the deadline be extended for 5 days from the 72nd legislative day to the 77th legislative day for the transmittal of appropriation and revenue bills.