

MINUTES

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

The Senate Rules Committee met on January 11, 1977 in room 311 of the state capitol. Senator Stephens called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. Present were Senators Hazelbaker, McOmber, Mathers, Murphy, Roberts, Stephens and Turnage; excused was Senator Thiessen. Also present were Senator Pat M. Goodover and Bob Gilbert, Montana Wool Growers Association.

The minutes of the January 7th meeting were approved with no additions or corrections.

Senator Stephens said that the committee was to have under consideration Senate Bill 18, sponsored by Senator Goodover. He then introduced Senator Pat Goodover to testify on this bill. The text of Senator Goodover's testimony is attached to these minutes as Appendix A. During Senator Goodover's testimony he asked Mr. Gilbert to read a radio broadcast given recently supporting SB 18. This broadcast is attached to these minutes as Appendix B. After reading the broadcast, Mr. Gilbert stated that his organization strongly supports SB 18.

With the testimony complete, Senator Stephens then turned the meeting over for discussion.

Senator Roberts asked if any consideration had been given to introduce this as a resolution rather than a bill and have it made part of the senate rules. Senator Goodover replied that he was not sure which way would have been the best. Senator Roberts then asked him that if the committee felt a resolution would be a better way, would he agree? Senator Goodover stated that if a resolution would do the job he wanted, he would go along with the wishes of the committee.

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Senator Stephens then stated that he felt it should be accomplished this way. He thought that the rules committee is the proper place to set rules for legislators.

Senator Hazelbaker then asked what affect this would have on the prefiled bills, since before they are filed they are not made public and while in the council they are private.

Senator McOmber then raised the question about this bill precluding another legislator from introducing a bill later in the session. Senator Goodover replied that if this would preclude a legislator from introducing a bill, he could use amendments to serve his purpose.

Senator Turnage said that they should encourage the Legislative Council to advise of a duplication of bills. He also felt that the bill contained no penalty and should be a rule change.

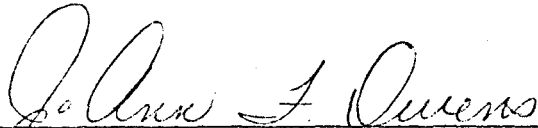
Senator Turnage then moved that the committee pass on the consideration of SB 18 and discuss it at a later meeting with the Legislative Council. The motion was approved by a voice vote.


Senator Turnage then asked the committee to consider reassigning SJR 2 and SJR 3 to the appropriate standing committee. He moved that the chairman bring up on the floor during the next session the reassigning os SJR 2 & 3. Senator Hazelbaker seconded the motion. It was approved by a voice vote.

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There was no further business. Senator Stephens adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo Ann F. Owens, Secretary


Senator Stan Stephens, Chairman

Date approved 1/22/77

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CALL VOTE ON _____

DATE

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Present	Absent	Name of Member	Aye	No	Not Voting
✓		HAZELBAKER, Frank			
✓		McCOMBER, Gordon			
✓		MATHERS, Bill			
✓		MURPHY, Terry V-Chm.			
✓		ROBERTS, Joe			
✓		STEPHENS, Stan, Chm.			
✓		THIESSEN, Cornie			
✓		TURNAGE, Jean			

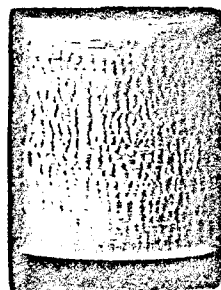
John A. Owens
Secretary

MOTION: *passed*

Chairman — and members of the Committee.

I'm Pat Gordon of Senate District #22 in Great Falls and Cascade County. I appear before you in the interest of SB 18, which I assure you is ~~not~~^{proper} in a serious effort to accomplish something that many of my constituents, and I'm sure many of yours, have expressed concern about. In the 1975 session there were a number of bills in both Houses calling for various limits on the actual number of bills

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each legislator could introduce. There were limits of
4 - 5 or 6 as I remember it - and the main
objection to that approach, expressed both in
Committee and on the floor during debate, was that
you tied the hands of members of the legislature
so they could not properly represent their constituents.
If you had already introduced 5 bills, if that were to



ING FUNDING FOR ITS ADQUISITIONS THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AS OTHER AGENCIES DO PRESENTLY.

ISN'T IT AMAZING HOW THE INCLUSION OF ONE WORD CAN MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE? THERE IS AS MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MONETARY AND NON-MONETARY AS THERE IS BETWEEN PROFIT AND LOSS AND THOSE OF US IN AGRICULTURE THESE DAYS REALLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE'.

COMPARED TO OTHER STATES, MONTANA'S LAND BOARD HAS GAINED AN ENVIABLE REPUTATION AS A STEWARD OF THE TRUST AND IT JUST SEEMS UNWISE TO US TO ALLOW THIS REQUIREMENT THAT FAIR COMPENSATION BE MADE FOR THE USE OF THESE LANDS TO BE ERODED IN THIS FASHION. AGAIN....THIS HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 10, ROOM 437 IN THE CAPITOL BUILDING HERE IN HELENA.

ANOTHER BILL WHICH IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST IS SENATE BILL No. 18, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PAT GOODOVER OF GREAT FALLS. THE SENATOR HAS COME UP WITH A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE NUMBER OF SIMILAR BILLS INTRODUCED DURING THE SESSION. GOODOVER'S PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE THE SPONSORS OF SIMILAR BILLS IN EITHER THE HOUSE OR SENATE TO CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE PREPARATION OF THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE BILL AND RESOLVE ANY DIFFERENCES IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ONE WORKABLE BILL.

WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT EACH BILL COSTS THE TAXPAYERS ROUGHLY \$2,000 ~~EACH~~, AND THAT IN THE LAST SESSION THERE WERE 1238 SEPARATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED, YOU APPRECIATE THE WISDOM OF GOODOVER'S PROPOSAL. WE HAVE LONG MAINTAINED THAT IF THE LEGISLATURE WAS ABLE TO BETTER DISCIPLINE ITSELF ON THE NUMBER OF BILLS INTRODUCED, MORE EFFECTIVE WORK COULD BE DONE ON THOSE BILLS WHICH ARE UP FOR CONSIDERATION. AS AN EXAMPLE: IN THE 1975 SESSION, THREE SEPARATE BILLS WERE INTRODUCED RELATIVE TO ANNUAL SESSIONS. THESE REQUIRED HEARINGS IN EACH HOUSE, MAKING SIX HEARINGS ON THE SAME SUBJECT, A GREAT WASTE OF TIME'.