

MINUTES

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

The Senate Rules Committee met on February 1, 1977 in room 331 of the state capitol. Senator Stephens called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. All members were present. Also present were Senator Goodover, Senator Dunkle, Senator Blaylock, Nancy Aagenes and Tony Cumming, representing the American Legion and V F W.

Senator Stephens read a motion of Senator Goodover. Senator Goodover then spoke in favor of his motion. (motion is attachment 1) General discussion was then held on the motion. It was the feeling of the group that a letter should be written to the governor and that this should not be part of the rules. Senator Turnage moved that a letter be written to the governor suggesting that he remind the department heads of the propriety of lobbying members of the legislature. Motion seconded by Mathers and approved unanimously by a voice vote.

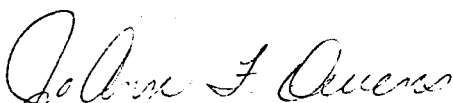
Senator Dunkle then spoke in favor of SJR 13. He stated that the resolution had been requested by some people and that this resolution should bring attention to the Panama Canal problem. Mr. Tony Cumming also spoke in favor of SJR 13. He spoke for the American Legion and the VFW who support this resolution. (copy of resolution by AL & VFW is attachment 2) A discussion was then held on SJR 13. Senator Murphy moved, seconded by Hazelbaker that SJR 13 be held in Senate Rules Committee until February 14th, at which time action can be taken. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

Senator Blaylock then spoke in favor of his motion. (motion is attachment 3) A short discussion was held. Senator Turnage moved that the motion be approved, seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

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Senator Stephen then adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo Ann Owens, Secretary


Senator Stan Stephens, Chairman

Date approved

2/9/77

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE ON _____

DATE 2/1/77

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

C. Lee F. Owens
Secretary

NOTION:

Senator Goodover moved that the Joint Rules Committee of the House of Representatives and Senate advise all departments and the Governor's Office that the Legislature welcomes representatives of state government to appear by invitation at relevant committee hearings, but that they refrain from leaving their assigned responsibilities to conduct improper lobbying of the members of the Legislature.

RESOLUTION NO. 28SUBJECT: Panama CanalREFERRED TO: Noted See

WHEREAS, The Panama Canal Zone continues to be a cornerstone of the defenses of the United States because of its being a "bridge" between the Pacific and the Atlantic oceans, for the movement of men and equipment, and for world trade; and

WHEREAS, The Canal Zone was established by the Treaty of 1903, assigning the U. S. the use, occupation and control of the Canal Zone territory forever; and

WHEREAS, efforts are being made to undermine the Treaty and our nation's rights to the Canal Zone and the canal are in danger of being abrogated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Department of Montana, The American Legion, in convention assembled at Great Falls on July 11-13, 1975, opposes any new treaties or agreements with Panama that would deprive the United States of its sovereign rights to the Canal Zone and the Canal.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE ACTION

Approved ✓ Rejected _____
Amended _____ Consolidated _____

CONVENTION ACTION

Approved ✓
Rejected _____
Amended _____

/S/ _____

Motion of Senator Blaylock that the Committee on Rules consider dropping the do not pass motion during Second Reading and use in lieu thereof the motion to indefinitely postpone.

Referred to Committee on Rules