

## MINUTES

### SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

The Senate Rules Committee met on March 18, 1977 in room 331 of the capitol. Senator Stephens called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Senators Hazelbaker, McOmber, Mathers, Murphy, Roberts, Stephens and Turnage. Excused was Senator Thiessen. Also present were Nancy Aagenes; Senator Murray; Gary Moes, AP; Bill Hanson, UPI; Representative Robbins; and Senator Lockrem.

Senator Stephens asked the committee if the motion he was to make on the floor on Saturday concerning House Bill 122 would be a debatable motion. It was the feeling of the rules committee that it could be debated for a brief time.

Senator McOmber felt that the motion would be debatable just so long as it pertained to the motion itself.

Senator Turnage moved that debate be allowed on the floor of the Senate. Discussion followed.

Senator Roberts said that he was in no position to debate the substance of the bill. He stated that even with a committee recommendation, he didn't know if he would want to get into the merits of the bill. He felt the debate should be limited to the motion itself.

Senator Turnage felt that everyone would want to know what the bill is about when they are considering action, and that comments were in order.

Senator Mathers felt that this was a big problem. If we don't have any discussion we may be crucified for not allowing it, he said. At this point he felt it could be considered killing the bill. He stated that it was not an ordinary piece of legislation and that it was important for each side to state their views.

Senator Roberts said that he felt that was his argument on the bill. We should have a recommendation from the committee. He didn't feel that it was important to open up the debate on the substance at this time.

Senator Stephens asked if the discussion on the bill could be limited:

Senator McOmber said that it could if the body determined it ahead of time. He said that it was a strange rule in a motion to suspend. General discussion then centered around JR 5-6(2)

Senator Murphy said that he imagined that it would be wise, no matter how the vote goes. A vote against will be labeled as against the bill. He personally felt it should be limited to the motion in question.

Senator Mathers said that if the bill goes down the headlines will be that the Senate refused the bill without discussion.

Senator Roberts said that he agreed, but hoped it would be put in a committee.

Senator Turnage said that we should let the good sense of the Senate take its course. He didn't feel that there would be that much debate.

Senator McOmber said that the bill has to be before the body before it can be debated. Masons provides a brief explanation may be made.

Senator Stephens asked Senator McOmber to explain that a brief explanation would be in order. He then asked if a motion would be made, he would give a brief explanation of what the rules committee had decided.

The committee agreed with this.


Senator McOmber then asked the question if any motion would be in order except the motion to amend, regarding the rules in chapter 5 under the Joint Rules.

The motion made by Senator Turnage died for lack of a second.

General discussion was then held on motions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo Ann F. Owens, Secretary

  
Senator Stan Stephens, Chairman

Date approved 4/1/77

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ROLL CALL VOTE ON \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 5/18/77

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

*De Ann F. Guerrero*  
Secretary

## MOTION:

*Mincey*  
*Sen. Murray*  
*Gary Mace, AP*  
*Bill Hansen, AP*  
*Rep. Rabin*  
*Sen. Jackson*