

MINUTES

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

The Senate Rules Committee met on April 8, 1977 in room 331 of the capitol. Senator Stephens called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. All members were present. Also present were Nancy Aagenes; Gary Moes, AP; and Senator Tom Towe.

Senator Stephens stated that the purpose of the meeting was to rule on House Bill 223.

Senator Murphy stated that the sponsor of the bill was Rep. Moore. He stated that it was his contention that the bill did not meet the deadline and needed a 2/3 vote to take action on it.

Senator Mathers said that he agreed with this.

General discussion followed.

Senator Stephens said that the constitution tells what you need to place an amendment before the public, but we are deciding what is needed to place it before the legislature for consideration. He said that he felt JR 6-34 must be implemented first.

Senator McOmber then read JR 6-48 in part which reads:

"Any vote in one house on a bill proposing an amendment to the Montana State Constitution where the mathematical possibility exists of obtaining the necessary two-thirds vote of the legislature will cause the bill to progress as though it had received the majority vote."

Discussion followed.

Senator Murphy said that he thought we should put it on second reading.

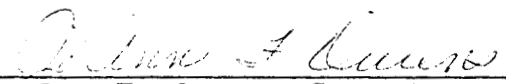
Senator Hazelbaker moved that HB 223 fall under the rule 6-34, requiring a 2/3 vote from the body to act on the bill. The motion was approved by a voice vote with Senator McOmber the only dissenting vote.

This was followed by a brief discussion.

Senator McOmber stated that he thought it was the intent of the people who write the constitution that any amendment was to be voted on by the legislature.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo Ann F. Owens, Secretary


Senator Stan Stephens, Chairman

Date approved 4/15/77

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ROLL CALL VOTE ON _____

DATE

4/8/77

Present	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			

Carl E. Owens
Secretary

MOTION:

Mary Maer, R.P.
Sen. Iowa.
Nancy