

RULES COMMITTEE

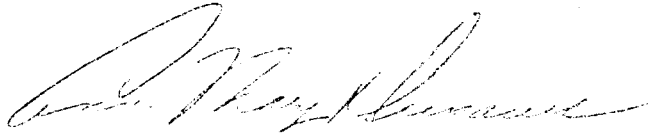
House of Representatives
46th Legislature

11 January 1979

Chairman Dussault called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm in Room 343. Bardanouve, Brand, Sivertsen were absent. All other members were present.

Chairman Dussault asked for discussion on Senate Joint Resolution 2, now before the committee. Representative Vincent moved that SJR 2 be concurred in. Representatives Gerke, Huennekens, Kuvalen, Moore, Ramirez, Vincent and Dussault voted aye. No members voted no. The motion carried.

Representative Moore moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.



Dussault, Chairman

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Motion: Attendance Only

Bill No. _____

	Yes	No
Bardanouve		
Brand		
Gerke, Vice Chair	✓	
Huennekens	✓	
Kvaalen	✓	
Moore	✓	
Ramirez	✓	
Sivertsen		
Vincent	✓	
Dussault, Chair	✓	
TOTAL		

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Motion: 49 R 2 be concurred in
Vincent

Bill No. 55 R 2

	Yes	No	
Bardanouve			
Brand			
Gerke, Vice Chair	✓		
Hueunokens	✓		
Kvaalen	✓		
Moore	✓		
Ramirez	✓		
Sivertsen			
Vincent	✓		
Dussault, Chair	✓		
TOTAL	7		

Although the League of Women Voters of Montana supports the Legislature meeting annually, we oppose HB 254.

We think time limits for each yearly session and types of legislation to be handled each year needs to be incorporated into the bill. We feel the issue would have bet success if citizens have specifics to vote on.

We also wonder if there would be much continuity in the sessions - one legislature could opt for a 60-day general - 30-day budget while the next, a 45-day - 45-day general and budget combined. We think this could not only hold up the start of sessions, but could create chaos.

We are convinced the need for annual sessions is great at this point in time, but, in order for annual sessions to be successful, definite guidelines are needed that are not subject to change every two years.

Therefore, we ask you do not support HB 254.

House BILL NO. 254
McNally

Section 3. Submission to electorate. This amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Montana at the general election to be held November 4, 1980, by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the following words:
☐ FOR annual sessions.
☐ AGAINST annual sessions.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET IN ANNUAL SESSIONS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Article V, section 6, of the Montana constitution is amended to read:

"Section 6. Sessions. The legislature shall meet--each odd-numbered--year--in--regular--session--of--not--more--than--90--legislative--days--by--a--continuous--body--for--2--year--periods--beginning--when--newly--elected--members--take--office. The legislature shall meet at least once a year in regular session. The legislature shall by law determine the length of legislative sessions, not to exceed 90 legislative days in any 2-year period. Any legislature may increase the length of any subsequent session. The legislature may be convened in special sessions by the governor or at the written request of a majority of the members."

Section 2. Effective date. If approved by the electorate, this amendment shall be effective December 31,

1980.

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INTRODUCED BILL