

HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

23 January 1979

Chairman Dussault called the meeting to order at 11:15 am in Room 434. Representatives Brand, Gerke, Huennekens, Ramirez, Sivertsen, Vincent and Dussault were present. Representatives Bardanouve, Kvaalen, and Moore were absent.

Chairman Dussault entertained a motion to adopt the standing committee report including the changes agreed to in Joint Rules. The motion passed unanimously. Representative Vincent moved that the policy statement on Statment of Intent be recommended to the House. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee agreed that if Statement of Intent becomes too much of a problem the committee will recommend a committee bill to make changes in the statutes.

Representative Ramirez moved that a unanimous vote be required in committee to allow attachment of a Statement of Intent to a bill that does not statutorily require one. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dussault then brought to the attention of the committee the motion by Representative Marks referred to the committee from the floor of the House. The motion was:

Marks moved to bring the question of whether reference to individuals or certain committees or decisions of the committee may be made on the House floor during debate.

It was moved that the House rule or policy be that reference to the vote of an individual in a standing committee not be discussed on the floor. Speaker Gerke made the motion.

Representative Huennekens then moved that in floor debate reference to an individuals vote or comment in standing committee or conference committee not be allowed in floor debate. The motion was withdrawn.

Representative Ramirez moved that reference by name to a members vote in committee or the statement of a member in committee not be allowed on the House floor. His motion referenced Mason's 124.1 which reads:

In debate a member must confine his remarks to the question before the House and avoid personalities.

The motion carried unanimously.

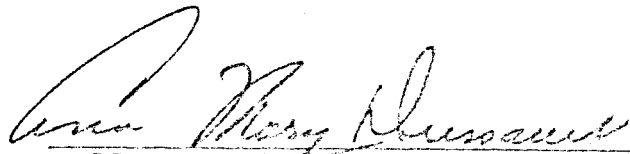
The question now before the committee was using or referring to personalities other than legislators. Huennekens spoke to the immunity or privilege of legislators to speak about other persons. After some discussion it was agreed that the Rules Committee would not address this matter.

The next question the committee dealt with was allowing reference to

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the vote taken in committee. Representative Ramirez moves that, in accordance with Masons's 111.2, reference to a vote of the other body not be allowed on the floor, but that reference to a vote of a House committee be allowed. The motion carried unanimously.

A discussion of absentee voting in committee followed. Representative Gerke and Brand were excused and, no longer having a quorum, Chairman Dussault adjourned the meeting.


DUSSAULT, Chairman

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House of Representatives
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Motion: Attendance

Bill No.

	<i>Present</i> Yes	<i>Attendance</i> No	
Bardanoue	✓		
Brand	✓		
Gerke, Vice Chair	✓		
Huennekens	✓		
Kvaalen	✓		
Moore	✓		
Ramirez	✓		
Sivertsen	✓		
Vincent	✓		
Dussault, Chair	✓		
TOTAL	10		