

HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE  
46th Legislature

8 March 1979

Chairman Dussault convened the meeting at 1:50 pm, Thursday, March 8, in Room 343. Representative Brand was excused. Representative Sivertson was absent. All other members of the committee were present.

Chairman Dussault brought to the committee's attention Joint Rule 6-3 which says that no bill designed to accomplish the same purpose can be introduced after a like bill has been killed. The matter before the committee was whether SB 302 was substantively the same as HB 285 which had already been killed in the House.

Discussion was lengthy. Phil Strobe, attorney-lobbyist for the Montana Tavern Association testified against allowing SB 302 being introduced in the House. Representative Tropilla also spoke against introduction of SB 302. Representative Ellerd questioned the Rules Committee taking testimony on a bill and Chairman Dussault said that all matters would be directed to the question of introduction and not to the bill itself.

Representative Moore moved that SB 302 be returned to the Business and Industry Committee for substantive consideration. He said that SB 302 was broader in scope and different in some parts than HB 285. Representative Gerke asked Bill Groff to speak to the motion and Mr. Groff said that without careful examination by attorneys, he wasn't prepared to say whether SB 302's introduction would violate JR 6-3. Chairman Dussault called the question and Representatives Bardenouve, Gerke, Huennekens, Moore, Ramirez, Vincent and Dussault voted in favor of the motion. Representative Kvaalen voted no. The motion carried.

Chairman Dussault then brought before the Committee an amendment to the Joint Rules passed previously by the Joint Rules Committee. Speaker Gerke moved that the Joint Rules be amended as follows:

1. Page 28, line 16.

Following: "day"

Insert: ", except that Revenue Committee bills may be introduced until the 66th day"

The motion carried unanimously.

Representative Hirsch was then recognized to discuss his proposal for a limited, optional previous question. His proposal included:

- a. 15 minutes of debate
- b. at the end of 15 minutes, opening of the voting board
- c. when two-thirds/one-half have voted green, the chairman calls on the sponsor to close
- d. sponsor closes, voting board cleared
- e. chairman calls for vote on substantive motion

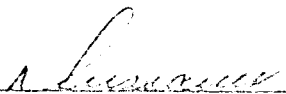
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After discussion on the merits of the proposal, Representative Gerke moved that the suggestion be taken under advisement. The motion carried unanimously.

Representative Ellerd was then recognized to discuss a problem he had with a Statement of Intent on a bill he sponsored, HB 800. After discussion by the committee, Representative Vincent moved that the House Rules Committee request the Legislative Council to look into the mechanics of drafting procedures on Statements of Intent, using HB 800 as an example. Representative Vincent said that he would expect the Council to report back to the Rules Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Representative Bardanouve then objected to the making of a do not pass motion when the speaker was a proponent of a bill, for the sole purpose of gaining more speaking time. Representative Dussault agreed with Representative Bardanouve and stated that this practice would be stopped and that the speakers would be required to address the motions on the floor.

Chairman Dussault then adjourned the meeting.

  
DUSSAULT, Chairman

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Motion: Attendance

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No	
Bardanoue	✓		
Brand			✗
Gerle, Vice Chair	✓		
Huennkens	✓		
Kvaalen	✓		
Moore	✓		
Ramirez	✓		
Sivertsen		✓	
Vincent	✓		
Dussault, Chair	✓		
TOTAL			

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Motion: Move motion to ~~pass~~ <sup>action</sup> SB 302 to the  
~~committee~~ <sup>Business and Industry</sup> Committee for substantive consideration.

Bill No. SB 302

	Yes	No	
Bardanouve	✓		
Brand			<i>refused</i>
Gerke, Vice Chair	✓		
Huennekens	✓		
Kvaalen		✓	
Moore	✓		
Romirez	✓		
Sivertsen			<i>absent</i>
Vincent	✓		
Dussault, Chair	✓		
TOTAL	7	1	2

*Motion carries*

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. Speaker:

We, your committee on Rules

having had under consideration the Joint Rules

ENCL.

Respectfully report as follows: That the Joint Rules

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be amended as follows:

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DO PASS

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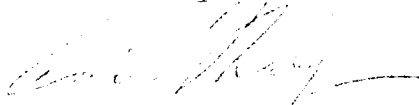
Dear Oscar:

On unanimous vote of the House Rules Committee, I would like to request that the Legislative Council look into the mechanics of drafting procedures used for statements of intent, using HB 300 as an example.

It is the understanding of the House Rules Committee that the two members of our committee who are also members of the Council, Representative Vincent and yourself, will report back to the Rules Committee following the inquiry.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



ANN MARY DUSSAULT  
Chair, House Rules Committee

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cc: Diana Dowling, Executive Director  
Legislative Council