JOINT RULES COMMITTEE 46th Legislature

January 9, 1979

Chairman Stephens convened the meeting at 11 am, January 9, in Room 415. All members were present. A draft copy of the Joint Rules, including the changes suggested by the interim Committee on Legislative Improvement, was to work from the summary of recommendations in the appendices of that report beginning on page 23 of the Legislative Improvement Committee report.

Appendix A dealt with the prefiling of executive branch bills. Representative Dussault moved that in Joint Rule 6-6, p. 22, line 14 through line 1 on p. 23 be stricken from the proposed joint rules. It was agreed by the committee that at a later date some new language could be written to iron out the problems in this stricken language. The motion carried unanimously.

Appendix B deals with statute and will be introduced in the form of a bill.

Appendix C discusses joint sponsorship of bills between the House and the Senate. Representative Dussault moved that the proposed change in Appendix C be adopted (Joint Rule 6-6, p. 22, lines 3 through 5). Representative Moore moved that Joint Rule 6-6 be amended as follows: p. 22, l. 4, following line 3; insert: joint. The motion carried unanimously. The question then reverted to the original motion of Representative Dussault and that motion also carried unanimously.

Appendix D discusses the bill deadlines. Speaker Gerke moved that Joint Rule 6-6, p. 23, line 5 be amended as follows:

Following: "shall" Strike: "manage" Insert: sponsor

And further amend Joint Rule 6-6, p. 23, line 3 as follows:

Following: "introduced"
Strike: "in the name"
Insert: by request

The motion carried unanimously.

Representative Moore then moved that bill deadlines outlined in Appendix D do pass. Representative Moore withdrew his motion. He then moved that Joint Rule 6-7, page 23, line 19 be adopted with the proposed change.

At 11:45 am, Chairman Stephens recessed the meeting until 8 pm, Tuesday, January 9, in Room 415.

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Chairman Stephens reconvened the meeting at 8:10 pm in Room 415. The roll was taken and all members were present.

Senator Turnage moved as a substitute motion that Joint Rule 6-7 retain the 18th day as the deadline for introduction of bills and the 14th day as the deadline for drafting requests; and further that the proposed joint rules for the 47th session include the proposed changes of the 10th day for drafting requests and the 14th day for introduction. Siter discussion, Senator Turnage agreed to sever the question of this session's rules from that of rules for the next session.

Chairman Stephens called for a vote on the first part of the Turnage motion. Representatives Kvaalen and Sivertsen voted against the motion, and with all other members voting aye, the motion carried.

The question was called on the motion by Senator Turnage that for the 47th Legislature's Joint Fales the 10th day be the deadline for drafting requests and the fourteenth day be the deadline for introduction of bills. Representatives Bardanouve, Brand, Dussault, Gerke, Hubanekens and Vincent opposed the motion. The motion carried with all other committee members voting aye.

The mechanics of taking a motion of the Joint Rules Committee to the committee and floor of each house was discussed.

Speaker Gerke moved that the 25th day be adopted as the deadline for the introduction of revenue bills. A substitute motion was made by President Mathers that the Legislative Improvement Committee suggestion of the 21st day be adopted as the deadline for introduction of revenue bills. The substitute motion carried with Representatives Bardanouve, Brand and Gerke voting no. All other members of the committee voted aye.

Senator Jergeson then moved that committee bills be introduced only between the 14th and the 36th legislative days and that drafting requests for committee bills be accepted only after the 14th day. Senators Blaylock, Jergeson, Thiessen, Representatives Bardanouve, Dussault, Gerke and Vincent voted yes. All other members of the committee voted no. The motion failed.

It was moved that the 36th day be adopted as the deadline for the drafting of committee bills. Representative Huennekens moved as a substitute notion that the 38th day be the deadline for the drafting of committee bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Representative Bardanouve moved that the introduction deadline for committee bills be set at the 40th legislative day. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee agreed unanimously to leave the transmittal deadline for regular bills at the 45th day.

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Representative Moore moved that the deadline for transmission of appropriations and revenue bills be set at the 50th day in accordance with the recommendations of the Legislative Improvement Committee. Senator Thiessen moved as a substitute motion that the 70th day be the deadline for transmission of appropriations and revenue bills. Representative Sivertson then made a motion for all motions pending that the 60th day be the deadline for transmittal of appropriations and revenue measures. With Senators Blaylock, Jergeson, Thiessen, Turnage, Representatives Brand, Dussault, Gerke and Vincent voting no and with Representative Bardanouve passing, all other members of the committee voted yes and the motion carried.

Representative Dussault moved that the amendments of the second house be transmitted to the original house by the 70th day. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to require 2/3 rather than 3/4 of a standing committee to consent to introduction of a committee bill. With Senators Graham, Kolstad, Mathers, Smith, Turnage and Representatives Kvaalen Moore and Senator Stephens voting yes, all other members voting no, the motion failed.

Representative Moore moved that Joint Rule 6-9 read that three-fourths of a standing committee must consent to the introduction of a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Moore moved that the following language be added to the last paragraph of Joint Rule 6-7: prior to the 75th legislative day. Senator Turnage moved that Joint Rule 6-7 be left as it is, without any addition. With Representative Moore dissenting, the motion carried.

The consent calendar was the next item of discussion. Representative Moore moved that Appendix E of the interim report be adopted. In discussion the committee agreed that a three-member objection would remove any item from the consent calendar. The committee also agreed unanimously that a committee must designate whether or not they wish a bill voted on unanimously to go to the conset calendar. Representative Moore's original motion was also adopted.

Representative Dussault moved that the language on p. 39 in lines 4 through 7 be deleted. The committee passed the motion unanimously.

A motion was made to the additional rule change language regarding consent calendar bills in Joint Rule 6-29. The motion carried unanimously.

In Joint Rule 6-7, Senator Jergeson moved that lines 11 through 13 be stricken. The motion carried unanimously.

Appendix F was stricken from the Joint Rules.

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Appendix G was adopted unanimously.

Representative Dussault moved that lines 11 through 14 on page 42 be included. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Representative Moore moves Appendix H as written including the added language "All standing committee reports will include the date and time of the amendment." He then withdrew his original motion and moved that this language not be included. The motion carried unanimously.

Representative Dussault then moved that on p. 39 of the draft lines 14 and 15 be stricken. With Representative Moore and Senator Stephens voting no, the motion carried. Representative Brand was excused.

Representative Moore moved that lines 5 through 8 on p. 31 of the draft bill be adopted, deleting the references to time and date. The motion carried.

Representative Kvaalen moved that on p. 31, line 3 in Joint Rule 6-23, following: "title", the words "and by its history" be stricken. The motion carried unanimously.

Appendix J regarding the amendment of reference bill in conference committee was adopted unanimously.

Senator Turnage moved that on page 23, lines 2 through 5 be stricken. The committee agreed unanimously.

A series of housekeep motions followed. These all related to clerical corrections and uniformity of the bill. All of these motions were made by Senator Turnage and all carried.

Senator Turnage moved that on line 7, p. 45 of the draft bill the phrase, "by first-class mail" be stricken. The motion carried. Representative Sivertsen moved to raise by \$1.00 the charge stipulated in the rules for copies of bills. Representative Dussualt moved as a substitute motion that the rules require the cost of reproduction be charged for bills. Sivertsen withdrew his motion. Dussault withdrew her motion.

The chair then entertained a motion to double the price of bills. Dussault so moved. Representative Ramirez then moved that a new category of bills from 1 to 5 pages costing 25 cents be established. The motion carried with Senator Jergeson voting no.

Representative Dussault moved that in Joint Rule 9-5 on line 18 the following words be added "if request occurs prior to vote". The motion passed unanimously.

A new Chapter 11 was then discussed regarding statements of legislative intent.

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Speaker Gerke brought up the matter that the constitutional amendment on the District of Columbia voting must be proposed to the Legislature. Senator Mathers suggested the matter be brought before the Joint Rules Committee.

It was agreed that the Joint Rules Committee would meet the following day to discuss the new Chapter 11. Senator Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:10 pm.

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