

JOINT RULES COMMITTEE  
46th Legislature

22 January 1979

Senator Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm in Room 415. Senators Graham and Kolstad and Representative Brand were absent, all other members of the committee were present.

Senator Stephens said that the agenda contained four items: 1) a tentative schedule of block scheduling system, 2) statement of intent mechanics by Bob Person of the Legislative Council, 3) a report from Diana Dowling on the log jam of bills between the Council downstairs and the chambers upstairs, and 4) policy on absentee voting in committee.

Senator Turnage asked about an absent committee member voting on a bill being heard by the committee. He felt that a member should be allowed to vote before the executive action was taken, but should not be allowed to vote afterwards. After much discussion by the committee it was agreed that this matter should be handled in the individual houses.

Senator Stephens then turned the discussion to a proposal by Secretary of the Senate Casey and Assistant Secretary of the Senate Fallan which suggested times the two houses should operate on which schedules. The committee discussion agreed that some kind of compressed schedule should be adopted.

Representative Dussault moved that each House adopt a compression schedule, based on Schedule A, suitable to its own needs and that this schedule continue through February 10, Legislative Day 34. The motion carried unanimously. Senator Stephens asked the presiding officers to announce to their bodies as soon as possible on which schedule to operate. He also suggested that the Rules Committee meet again on the first of February to adopt a schedule for the next time period.

Diana Dowling then spoke about bill drafting requests. She suggested that there is not more of a back log than in the past. She agreed to notify members in the morning when their bills are ready rather than waiting until we go into session.

Representative Dussault moved that the Council send to the leadership those requests requiring constituent calls and those requests that are without supporting documentation. She withdrew the motion.

Senator Turnage moved that the Legislative Council be directed to consult only with requesting legislators concerning the content of bill drafting requests. Speaker Gerke and Representative Vincent voted no. With the other fifteen present members voting aye, the motion carried.

Senator Stephens requested that the President and Speaker announce this new policy tomorrow. Representative Vincent state that the content of this motion would be difficult to communicate.

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Representative Vincent moved that the committee adjourn.

Representative Bardanouve then spoke regarding the 60th day as deadline for transmission of appropriations bills being unrealistic. Representative Dussault moved that Joint Rule 6-34 be amended from the 60th day to the 70th day. The motion carried with only Senator Smith dissenting.

Bob Person of the Legislative Council then discussed the handling of the statement of intent. (Attached.) Representative Bardanouve moved to ask the Council to draft a bill to repeal the Legislative History Act. Senator Turnage objected. The motion was withdrawn.

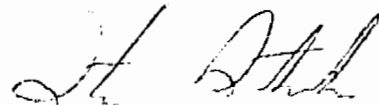
Ramirez objected to point 10 in the Person commentary. Bob Person agreed that it was "not necessarily totally necessary."

Senator Turnage moved to strike point 10 and insert a new 10 which would read: "Statements of intent are limited to bills with rule making authority. The standing committee in the house of origin will be responsible for originating a statement of intent." Senator Blaylock voted no, all other members voted aye. The motion carried.

Senator Turnage then moved that suggestions 1 through 10 as amended be adopted as policy of the Joint Rules Committee. Senators Hazelbaker, Mathers, Theissen, Turnage, Representatives Kvaalen, Moore, Ramirez Sivertsen and Chairman Stephens voted aye. Senators Blaylock, Jergeson, Representatives Bardanouve, Dussault, Gerke, Huennekens and Vincent voted no. With 9 members voting aye and 7 members voting no the motion carried.

Senator Turnage then moved to amend the Joint Rules to incorporate the changes reflected in the policy statement previously adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

Senator Stephens then entertained Representative Vincent's motion to adjourn which carried unanimously.



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STEPHENS, Chairman

Assuming:

- 1 - That the length of daily sessions of the 46th Legislative Session will approximate those of the 45th Legislative Session,
- 2 - That transmittal deadlines will be strictly adhered to,
- 3 - And that there will be a recess of two days immediately after transmittal,

we suggest that the following schedule, subject to change, be adopted.

January 3 (Day 1) thru January 27 (Day 22)  
Schedule A - Senate & House

January 29 (Day 23) thru February 10 (Day 34)  
Schedule B - Senate & House

February 12 (Day 35) thru February 16 (Day 39)  
Schedule B - Senate  
Schedule C - House

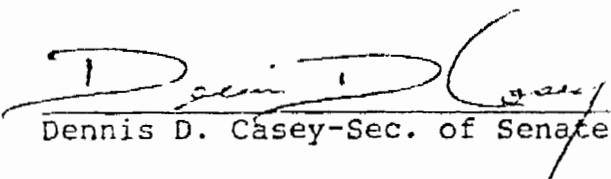
February 17 (Day 40) thru February 23 (Day 45)  
Schedule C - Senate & House

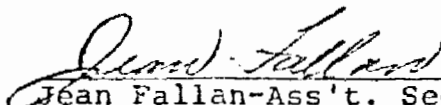
February 27 (Day 46) thru March 7 (Day 53)  
Schedule A - Senate & House

March 8 (Day 54) thru March 15 (Day 60)  
Schedule B - Senate  
Schedule C - House

March 16 (Day 61) thru March 27 (Day 70)  
Schedule B - Senate & House

March 28 (Day 71) to Adjournment  
Schedule D

  
Dennis D. Casey-Sec. of Senate

  
Jean Fallan-Ass't. Sec. of Sen

45TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

Length of Sessions

Day 1 thru Day 22

- 1 session - 3 hours
- 1 session - 2 hours
- All others - less than 2 hours

Day 23 thru Day 36

- 3 sessions - less than 2 hours
- 2 sessions - more than 3 hours (1-3 1/2)  
(1-4)
- All others - 2 to 3 hours

Day 37 thru Day 42

- All sessions - 3 to 4 1/2 hours

Day 43 thru Day 47

- 43rd - 5 1/2 hours
- 44th - 6 3/4 hours
- 45th - 6 1/2 hours
- 46th - 4 1/2 hours
- 47th - 6 hours

Day 48 thru 55

- All sessions 1 to 2 1/2 hours

Day 56 thru Day 79

- All sessions 2 to 4 1/2 hours

Day 80 - 6 1/4 hours

Day 81 thru Day 83

- 2 hours - 3 1/2 hours

Day 84 - 4 3/4 hours

Day 85 - 10 hours

Day 86 - 8 1/2 hours

Day 87 - 7 hours

Day 88 - 5 hours

Day 89 - 15 hours

Day 90 - 18 1/2 hours

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HOUSE

Length of Sessions

Day 23 thru Day 35

1 session - less than 2 hours

3 sessions - more than 3 hours (1-4 1/2)

(1-4 1/2)

(1-3 1/2)

All others - 2 to 3 hours

Day 36 - 7 hours

Day 37 thru Day 42

All sessions - 4 to 5 1/2 hours

Day 43 thru Day 47

43rd - 6 1/2

44th - 6 3/4

45th - 6

46th - 10

47th - 12

48th - 7

Day 49 thru Day 55

All sessions - 3 1/2 to 5 hours (House Bill No. 122)

Day 56 thru Day 73

1 session - 1 1/4 hours

3 sessions - over 4 hours (1-4 1/2)

--- (1-4 1/4)

(1-4 1/2)

All others - 2 to 4 hours

Day 74 thru Day 79

2 sessions - 6 hours

1 session - 8 hours

All others - 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours

Day 80 - 9 1/2 hours

Day 81 thru Day 83

(2 1/2, 3, 5 1/2)

Day 84 - 5 hours

Day 85 - 8 1/2 hours

Day 86 - 7 hours

Day 87 - 3 hours

Day 88 - 1 1/2 hours

Day 89 - 12 hours

Day 90 - 18 1/2 hours

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DATE 22 January 1979  
 TIME CONVENED 7:45 pm  
 LOCATION Room 415

	Present	Absent	
Blaylock	✓		
Graham		✓	
Hazelbaker	✓		
Jergeson	✓		
Kolstad		✓	
Mathers	✓		
Smith	✓		
Thiessen	✓		
Turnage	✓		
Bardanouve	✓		
Brand		✓	
Dussault	✓		
Gerke	✓		
Huennekens	✓		
Kvaalen	✓		
Moore	✓		
Ramirez	✓		
Sivertsen	✓		
Vincent	✓		
Stephens, Chair	✓		
TOTAL	17	2	

Proposed Rules Committee Agreements regarding implementation of Chapter 11 of the Joint Rules.

For consideration January 22, 1978.

1. The statement of intent when adopted will accompany the committee report in all cases. Suspend provision on p. 47, line 25 relating to separate submission.
2. Committee reports must include notification of attachment of statement. Example: Do Pass, Intent Attached. The text of the statement should be entered on the journal as a part of the committee report.
3. Each form of the intent statement will be retained with the original bill.
4. The statement will be entered on the automated bill drafting equipment of the Legislative Council prior to printing. (Suspend: provision on P. 48 l. 3 regarding separate duplication)
5. Statements of intent will be printed at the same time on the same color of paper as the bill for that reading. (Suspend: all references to printing on gray paper)
6. Statements of intent will be stapled to the front of bills when assembled.
7. Statements of intent will be reduced and printed four pages to a sheet.
8. Statements of intent must be prepared in the format attached.
9. When a statement of intent is attached to a bill, silence gives consent to its content in that component of the legislature. Except a positive vote is needed on intent when returned to first house.
10. A statement of intent may be superseded in its entirety without being replaced (amend rule 11-4). The heading and foot will always be retained except if action is reconsidered such that the original placement of the intent is rescinded entirely.

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BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION Dussault moves that each House adopt a compression schedule, based on Schedule A, suitable to its own needs and that this schedule continue through February 10, Day 34.

	Yes	No
Blaylock		
Graham		
Hazelbaker		
Jergeson		
Kolstad		
Mathers		
Smith		
Theissen		
Turnage		
Bardanouve		
Brand		
Dussault		
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Ramirez		
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Vincent		
Stephens, Chair		
TOTAL		

*Carried unanimously.*



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MOTION Turnage moves that the Legislative Council be directed to consult only with requesting legislator concerning content of drafting requests.

	Yes	No	
Blaylock	✓		
Graham			absent
Hazelbaker	✓		
Jergeson	✓		
Kolstad			absent
Mathers	✓		
Smith	✓		
Theissen	✓		
Turnage	✓		
Bardanouve	✓		
Brand			absent
Dussualt	✓		
Gerke		✓	
Huennekens	✓		
Kvaalen	✓		
Moore	✓		
Ramirez	✓		
Sivertsen	✓		
Vincent		✓	
Stephens, Chair	✓		
TOTAL	15	2	3

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BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION Bussault moves that 6-34 be amended to make the 70th Day rather than the 60th Day the deadline for transmittal of appropriations bill.

	Yes	No	
Blaylock	✓		
Graham			absent
Hazelbaker	✓		
Jergeson	✓		
Kolstad			absent
Mathers	✓		
Smith		✓	
Theissen	✓		
Turnage	✓		
Bardanouve	✓		
Brand			absent
Dussualt	✓		
Gerke	✓		
Huennekens	✓		
Kvaalen	✓		
Moore	✓		
Ramirez	✓		
Sivertsen	✓		
Vincent	✓		
Stephens, Chair	✓		
TOTAL	16	1	2

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BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION Bardanouve moves to ask Council to draft bill to repeal legislative intent requirement in statutes. no

	Yes	No
Blaylock		
Graham		
Hazelbaker		
Jergeson	<i>Motion withdrawn.</i>	
Kolstad		
Mathers		
Smith		
Theissen		
Turnage		
Bardanouve		
Brand		
Dussualt		
Gerke		
Huennekens		
Kvaalen		
Moore		
Ramirez		
Sivertsen		
Vincent		
Stephens, Chair		
TOTAL		

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MOTION Turnage moves that suggestions, 1-10 as amended be adopted as a policy of the <sup>joint</sup> rules committee. *Per Bureau suggestions*

	Yes	No
Blaylock		✓
Graham		
Hazelbaker	✓	
Jergeson		✓
Kolstad		
Mathers	✓	
Smith		
Theissen	✓	
Turnage	✓	
Bardanouve		✓
Brand		
Dussuault		✓
Gerke		✓
Huennekens		✓
Kvaalen	✓	
Moore	✓	
Ramirez	✓	
Sivertsen	✓	
Vincent		✓
Stephens, Chair	✓	
TOTAL	9	7

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MOTION Turnage moves to amend the Joint Rules to incorporate changes reflected in policy statement previously adopted

	Yes	No	
<u>Blaylock</u>	✓		
<u>Graham</u>			
<u>Hazelbaker</u>	✓		
<u>Jergeson</u>	✓		
<u>Kolstad</u>			
<u>Mathers</u>	✓		
<u>Smith</u>			
<u>Theissen</u>	✓		
<u>Turnage</u>	✓		
<u>Bardanouve</u>	✓		
<u>Brand</u>			
<u>Dussualt</u>	✓		
<u>Gerke</u>	✓		
<u>Huennekens</u>	✓		
<u>Kvaalen</u>	✓		
<u>Moore</u>	✓		
<u>Ramirez</u>	✓		
<u>Sivertsen</u>	✓		
<u>Vincent</u>	✓		
<u>Stephens, Chair</u>	✓		
TOTAL	16	0	4