JOINT RULES COMMITTEE 46th Legislature

19 February 1979

Chairman Stephens called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm in Room 404. Senators Kolstad, Theissen, Representatives Brand, Dussault and Moore were absent. All other members of the committee were present.

The first item of business Senator Stephens brought before the committee was the matter of a three-day break following transmittal on the days of February 24, 25 and 26. Discussion followed and the Chairman Stephens said he would bring this matter to the floor following House action.

Representative Huennekens then proposed an amendment to Joint Rule 6-7. On page 28a, paragraph one, line 3; following: "day", insert: ", except that revenue committee bills may be introduced until the 70th day".

Discussion followed and the suggestion of the 66th day rose as the wish of the committee. With the 66th day being substituted for the 70th day, Senator Turnage moved the amendment to the Joint Rules. The motion carried unanimously.

President Mathers wanted both houses to be aware of the 70th day as deadline for transmittal of amendments to the original house.

Senator Blaylock asked about why the 45th day was cast in concrete as the transmittal deadline. Discussion followed. Senator Stephens stated that the Senate would send House bills not meeting the deadline to the Senate Rules Committee and those with compelling interest for the state would be allowed to proceed.

Following more discussion, Senator Turnage moved that the Joint Rules Committee recommend to the Joint Legislative Administration Committee that attaches not be paid for days they do not work. The motion carried with Speaker Gerke casting the only negative vote.

The staff was asked to work on Conference Committee language and improvements in the ways that Conference Committees operated.

Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting.

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