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MONTANA STATE SENATE

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January 5, 1979

The first meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was called to order by Chairman Stephens at 12:30 a.m. on the above date in Room 415 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Senator Thiessen excused.

Senator Blaylock moved to amend S7-2, Page 74, by replacing the word "Democrat" with the word "majority". Motion carried.

Senator Kolstad moved to amend S7-1, Page 73, by replacing the number "3" with the number "5". Motion carried.

Topics Discussed:

Chairman Stephens reported on the Legislative Improvement Report. It will necessitate several rule changes. He suggested that Senator Blaylock fully discuss the report at the Democratic Caucus, and the Senate rules committee should meet again to come to a consensus on this report.

Diana Dowling, Director of the Legislative Council asked if it necessitates a rule change to allow the executive branch to pre-file bills? This will be researched in the journal to see if it reflects how they were handled in the past.

Senator Mathers suggested that Chairman Stephens should explain to the entire Senate the voting procedure regarding the locked-in vote. It was agreed that the President can recognize the Senator who is away from his seat, relay the vote to the Secretary and he may push the button.

Diana Dowling will research the rules for errors and bring her findings back to the committee.

Chairman Stephens was requested to make a motion when the Senate Convenes this day to suspend the rules to allow three copies of introduced bills rather than four.

The committee discussed the proposed joint rule which would allow sponsors from each house on the same bill. If this is to be done prior to the approval of the joint rules a motion to suspend the rules will be required.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.


Stan Stephens, Chairman

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE ON

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Present	Absent	Name of Member	Aye	No	Not Voting
✓		Blaylock			
✓		Graham			
✓		Hazelbaker			
✓		Jergeson			
✓		Kolstad			
✓		Mathers			
✓		Smith			
<i>Excused</i>		Thiessen			
✓		Turnage			
		Bardanouye			
		Brand			
		Dussault			
		Gerke			
		Huennenkens			
		Kvaalen			
		Moore			
		Ramirez			
		Sivertsen			
		Vincent			
✓		Stephens, Chairman			
9	1	TOTAL			

Wil Mc Kay
Secretary

MOTION: