

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
RULES
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 29, 1979

The fourth meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was called to order by Chairman Stephens at 3:55 p.m. on the above date in Room 331 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with no exceptions.


Senator Towe presented testimony in favor of having Senate Bill 244 introduced in the Senate past the deadline. It was assigned to the Rules Committee to clarify whether it is in fact a revenue bill as opposed to an appropriations measure. After some discussion a motion was made by Senator Thiessen to strike the word "appropriate" from the title of the original bill and insert the word "allocate", and to allow introduction in the Senate. Motion carried.

Chairman Stephens opened the discussion concerning the deadline for transmittal of regular legislation scheduled for the 45th legislative day. A motion was made by Senator Ed Smith that in the interest of maintaining an orderly schedule the Senate go on record in opposition to any suspension of the Joint Rules that would extend the deadline for transmittal of regular legislation past the 45th legislative day. Further, that all Senate committees be advised of this action and that the Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee be instructed to inform the House of Representatives of this action. Motion carried on a roll call vote. (see attached)

Chairman Stephens explained that in order to expedite the introduction of bills still being processed by the Legislative Council, the Senate standing committees have released their researchers in order that they may devote full time to bill drafting. He has been informed by the Legislative Council that should the House release committee researchers, in a similar manner, that all bills requested for this session could be ready for introduction within the next ten days. Assuming that all bills are in the hopper within ten days, both the House and Senate should have time to process the legislation in accordance with the transmittal deadline of February 23, 1979, the 45th legislative day.

Secretary of the Senate Dennis Casey asked for clarification of when he is presented with a pair does it relate to every motion on that date or does there have to be a separate pair? Chairman Stephens explained his understanding is the pair is in effect as long as the bill is under consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.


Stan Stephens, Chairman

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL NOTE ON _____

DATE 1-28

Present	Absent	Name of Member	Aye	No	Not Voting
✓		Blaylock			
✓		Graham			
✓		Hazelbaker			
✓		Jergeson			
✓		Kolstad			
✓		Mathers			
✓		Smith			
✓		Thiessen			
✓		Turnage			
		Birdanouve			
		Brand			
		Dussault			
		Gerke			
		Huennkens			
		Kvaalen			
		Moore			
		Ramirez			
		Sivertsen			
		Vincent			
✓		Stephens, Chairman			
16		TOTAL			

MOTION:

Mal McKay
Secretary

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

to stand with the

ROLL CALL NOTE ON

Resolution to suspend the Rules of the Committee

DATE 1-29-77

Present	Absent	Name of Member	Aye	No	Not Voting
		Blaylock		✓	
		Graham	✓		
		Hazelbaker	✓		
		Jergeson		✓	
		Kolstad	✓		
		Mathers	✓		
		Smith	✓		
		Thiessen			✓
		Turnage	✓		
		Bardanouve			
		Brand			
		Dussault			
		Gerke			
		Huennekens			
		Kvaalen			
		Moore			
		Ramirez			
		Sivertsen			
		Vincent			
		Stephens, Chairman	✓		
TOTAL			7	2	1

M. L. McKay
Secretary

MOTION: