

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
RULES
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 21, 1979

The meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was called to order by Chairman Stephens at 11:30 a.m. on the above date in Room 331 of the State Capitol.

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

RECONSIDERATION OF H.B. 237: Chairman Stephens explained the amendment prepared by John Larson at the direction of the previous Rules Committee hearing on the bill. The amendment merely changes the way the interim joint subcommittees are appointed which satisfies the objection raised by Senator Blaylock.

Senator Turnage moved that the bill be approved as amended and as so amended, be concurred in. Motion carried.

RECONSIDERATION OF S.B. 70: This is the housemovers' bill and the problem is that it does not have a statement of intent attached to it which is required because the bill has new rule-making authority. To remedy this oversight it was recommended that John Larson take the matter up with the Governor's staff and ascertain whether he would be agreeable to attaching an amendatory veto, and report his findings at the next Rules Committee meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. 900: This bill was referred to the Rules Committee because it missed the transmittal deadline and it requires suspension of the rules to be accepted in the Senate. The bill deals with increasing the membership on the Oil and Gas Commission from five to seven, specifying that two members be from the industry, and two shall be landowners residing in oil and gas producing counties of the state but not associated with the industry. Senator Smith explained this all started because of the 2 1/2% severance royalty. Senator Mathers stated the Oil and Gas Commission is made up of landowners now and he doesn't feel they need two more members on that commission. Senator Stephens reminded the committee that the question is whether we consider this bill important enough to allow suspension of the rules because it does not fall within the deadline. Discussion was had regarding why some of the existing problems the five-member commission is having will be remedied if they can exempt four professionals from the state pay plan so they can hire highly qualified persons. Mention was made of H.B. 481 which is going to be considered on the floor which requests that four professionals on the staff of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission be exempt from the state pay plan.

Senator Smith moved that the rules be suspended to let H.B. 900 be introduced. On a roll call vote, the motion failed with Senators Blaylock, Graham, Hazelbaker, Mathers, Turnage, and Stephens voting no, and Senators Jergeson, Kolstad, and Smith voting yes, and Senator Thiessen absent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.


Stan Stephens, Chairman

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE ON

DATE 3-21-78

Present	Absent	Name of Member	Aye	No	Not Voting
✓		Blaylock			
✓		Graham			
✓		Hazelbaker			
✓		Jergeson			
✓		Kolstad			
✓		Mathers			
✓		Smith			
	✓	Thiessen			
✓		Turnage			
		Bardinouye			
		Brand			
		Dussault			
		Gerke			
		Huennckens			
		Kvaalen			
		Moore			
		Ramirez			
		Sivertsen			
		Vincent			
✓		Stephens, Chairman			
9	1	TOTAL			

Melba McKay
Secretary

MOTION:

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on RULES

having had under consideration HOUSE

237

Bill No.

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 237

third reading bill be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 16.

Following: "subcommittees."

Strike: "remainder of line 16 through recommended." On line 25

Insert: "Joint subcommittee members shall be appointed by the legislative council. The chairmen of the appropriate standing committees in each body shall recommend suggested members to serve on each subcommittee. The legislative council shall consider the recommendations, but is not bound thereby. No legislator shall serve on more than 2 interim joint subcommittees.

2. Page 4, line 6 and 7.

Following: "the"

Strike: "Speaker of the house and committee on committees of the Senate"

Insert: "Chairmen of the appropriate standing committees in each body"

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3. Page 4, line 8.

Following: "selected"

Strike: remainder of line 8 through "committees" on line 10

Insert: ". Following receipt of the recommendations from the standing committee chairmen, the legislative council"

and, as so amended,
BE CONCURRED IN

Stan Stephens

Chairman.

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL NOTE ON

H.B. 900

DATE 3/1

Present	Absent	Name of Member	Aye	No	Not Voting
		Blaylock		✓	
		Graham		✓	
		Hazelbaker		✓	
		Jergeson	✓		
		Kolstad		✓	
		Mathers		✓	
		Smith	✓		
		Thiessen			absent
		Turnage	✓		
		Bardanouye			
		Brand			
		Dussault			
		Gerke			
		Huennenkens			
		Kvaalen			
		Moore			
		Ramirez			
		Sivertsen			
		Vincent			
		Stephens, Chairman		✓	
		TOTAL	3	6	1

Melba McKay
Secretary

MOTION:

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on RULES

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 900

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 900

BE NOT CONCURRED IN

DONPASZ

STATE PUB. CO.
Helena, Mont.

Stan Stephens

Chairman

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