

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
RULES
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 2, 1979

The meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was called to order by Chairman Stephens at 2:50 p.m. on the above date in Room 331 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with no exceptions.

CONSIDERATION OF A SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY SENATOR FASBENDER THAT SENATOR ROSKIE'S MOTION FOR AN OVERRIDE OF THE GOVERNOR'S VETO SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE DAY THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER WAS READ; AND, IF PAIR VOTING WOULD BE ALLOWED.

The Senate stood in recess for the Rules Committee to meet and consider the above questions.

Reference was made to several different rules in both Mason's and Rules of the 46th Legislature on whether an excused member paired is considered present for the purpose of voting. The rules imply, but it is not spelled out, and this would be something for the next session of the joint rules to clarify. It was the opinion of Senator Mathers that making it simpler to override a veto was what they had in mind.

Senator Jergeson moved that we follow the strict interpretation of the rules and only those present in the chamber can vote on the veto override. Senator Thiessen said he did not agree with that kind of thinking because he feels the people elected him to be able to exercise his vote whether he had to be excused for illness or not. Senator Blaylock pointed out that on page 40 of the rules it states that no bill shall become a law except by a majority vote.

Senator Kolstad made a substitute motion that pairs will be allowed on any veto message. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 8 to 2, the two nays being Senators Hazelbaker and Jergeson.

The Rules Committee determined that a Governor's veto message can be considered at any time.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



Stan Stephens, Chairman

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE ON

DATE 4-2-7

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

Mel McKay
Secretary

MOTION:

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL/NOTE ON

DATE 5/1

Present	Absent	Name of Member	Aye	No	Not Voting
		Blaylock			
		Graham			
		Hazelbaker			
		Jergeson			
		Kolstad			
		Mathers			
		Smith			
		Thiessen			
		Turnage			
		Bardanouve			
		Brand			
		Dussault			
		Gerke			
		Huennenkens			
		Kvaalen			
		Mnore			
		Ramirez			
		Sivertsen			
		Vincent			
		Stephens, Chairman			
		TOTAL			

MOTION: Kolstad's substitute motion
 That 2nd reading will be allowed on any
 veto message. Motion carried

Mel McKay
 Secretary