MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE January 6, 1981

The first meeting of the House Judiciary Committee was called to order by Representative Kerry Keyser, at 10:00 am in Room 437 of the Capitol Building. All members were present.

Chairman Keyser introduced himself as Chairman of the Committee. He introduced Carl A. Seifert, Vice Chairman; Jim Lear, Legis-lative Council Attorney; and Maureen Richardson, Committee Secretary. Jim Lear explained his duties as Committee Attorney. A form was passed out to each committee member detailing Jim Lear's responsibilities towards the committee.

Chairman Keyser asked each committee member to introduce his or her self.

The procedure was explained of how meetings will be run. A copy of the procedures are posted on the door, outside the door, and above the light switch. A copy was also passed out to committee members who desired a copy.

Members had general discussion of ideas and questions concerning the procedures.

The Chairman announced that the first hearing would be on Thursday, January 8, 1981 at 8:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

KERRY KEYSER, Chairm

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Attachments

RULES OF PROCEDURE

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE 47th Legislative Session

Room 437

- (1) All individuals wishing to testify must sign the witness sheet prior to the committee hearing. Your testimony will not be recorded if you do not sign the witness sheet. The witness sheet is located on the right hand desk as you enter the room.
- (2) Proponents will speak first, followed by opponents, the time subject to limitation of the chair.
- (3) The proponents and opponents will try to be less repetitious in their testimony presentations.
- (4) Sponsor of the bill will open and close the presentation.
- (5) All questions will be put forth by the committee. No questions shall be directed between proponents or opponents.
- (6) All discussion will commence at the direction of the chair.
- (7) Questions by committee members shall be directed to proponents and opponents at the close of the presentation unless otherwise authorized by the chair.
- (8) Amendments to the committee must be presented in writing.
- (9) Anyone wishing to smoke, please do so in the hallway.
 (THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS DURING MEETINGS)

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Jim Lear, Legislative Council Attorney, will be performing the following functions in support of the House Judiciary Committee:

- review proposed legislation and advise the committee as to constitutionality, internal consistency, possibility of conflict with or duplication of existing provisions, and compliance with other bill-drafting provisions such as grammar, punctuation, word choice and statutory sentence structure;
- research other states' laws pertaining to a given bill upon request of a committee member;
- 3) assist the committee or individual member in obtaining data or any pertinent information from governmental entities pertaining to bills under deliberation;
- 4) draft proposed amendments upon request of individual committee members prior to committee action on a given bill;
- 5) review all amendments adopted by the committee with the same bill-drafting guidelines applied to the original bill---with the Chairman's authorization to make necessary changes in grammar, punctuation, word choice, and sentence structure, not affecting meaning, that may be detected between committee adoption and delivery of the Standing Committee Report, subject to review by the Chairman before signing the report;
- 6) draft Statements of Legislative Intent or obtain drafts from state agencies when directed by the committee;
- 7) draft committee bills when requested by the committee; and
- 8) attend subcommittee meetings when assigned by the Chairman to perform the appropriate functions listed above.