

HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE
47th Legislature

January 13, 1981

Chairman Fagg convened the Rules Committee at 11:10 a.m. in Room 343. All members were present with the exception of Rep. Moore being absent, Rep. Spilker being excused and Rep. Sivertsen arriving late. Also attending was Diana Dowling of the Legislative Council.

SJR 1

Rep. Dussault moved to amend Page 19, line 18, Strike: "OR" Line 19, to Strike: "." and insert: "; OR". After line 19, insert new subsection: (g) appropriation bills. The move carried by a vote of 6 to 2 with Rep. Marks and Rep. Vincent voting no.

SJR 1 discussion was temporarily delayed so that additional information could be obtained from the Senate.

Representative Marks made a motion to send a letter to the Senate Rules Committee recommending them to dispense of the journal books which are historically kept in the Office of the Secretary of State. The motion carried unanimously.

Problem of the press being on the floor was addressed by Rep. Marks. It was suggested that a new paragraph be added to a draft letter which was submitted dated January 13, regarding this problem; to add a section relating to the electronic media which is licensed by the FTC.

The subject of SJR 1 was once again addressed. There was a motion by Rep. Dussault to amend Page 3, line 11 to read: Strike all new material on lines 11 through 14. Rep. Marks supported this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rep. Marks made a motion that SJR 1 be concurred in as amended. Rep. Dussault called for the question and the motion carried unanimously.

Rep. Sivertsen brought up the mention that there had been some difficulty with people going to the incorrect committee room as they were confused between Human Resources and Human Services and suggested Public Health should perhaps be considered for Human Services again. There were no comments.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:45 a.m.



Representative Harrison G. Fagg

January 13, 1981

Don,

In my opinion, Legislative press passes should be limited to journalists possessing the proper credentials and representing newspapers or newspaper services of general circulation. For the purposes of such a rule, newspapers of general circulation should be defined as those newspapers regularly printed and distributed, which circulate among all classes of readers; not being limited to a restricted or common group within the community. A newspaper of general circulation is one to which members of the general public will refer for news, editorial opinion and advertisements.

The question of whether a newspaper is in accord with this definition is by necessity one of substance, involving a subjective determination. As Chief Clerk, you should reserve the right to deny a press pass to any member of the press corps who you feel does not represents a newspaper of general circulation. Such a reservation would not be improper as long as it was not exercised in a arbitrary or capricious manner.

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Carl

January 13, 1981

Senate Rules Committee

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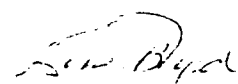
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MEMO

Official Journal Books

- A. Checked with Bonnie Wallem, Records, Secretary of State, inspected Journal Books, last session (1979 House) 1292 pages printed on both sides.
- B. Before session there was a meeting with Brian Cockhill, State Archevist, Diana Dowling, Bonnie Wallem, and Clare Engel, State Law Librarian. General concensus that Journal Book was not that important from any standpoint, historical included. It is actually a compilation (perhaps cleaned up a little) taken from printout (LC).
- C. For the purpose of record keeping the first two printouts could go to the Secretary of State with a cover (devise) stating it was the official Journal and signed off by presiding officers.


DON BYRD
Chief Clerk



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TO: Senate Rules Committee

FROM: House Rules Committee
Harrison Fagg, Chairman

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House of Representatives
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Date 1-13-81

Attendance - Room 343

Bill No. SJR 1 pg. 19 line 18-19. See attached amendment

	YES	NO	
FAGG	✓		
MARKS		✓	
MOORE	—		
SPILKER	—		
SIVERTSEN	✓		
LUND	✓		
VINCENT		✓	
DUSSAULT	✓		
KEMMIS	✓		
MENAHAN	✓		
TOTAL	6	2	

P-Present
A-Absent
E-Excused

RULES COMMITTEE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
47th Legislature

Date 1-13-81

Time 11:11 a.m.

FAGG	P						
MARKS	P						
MOORE	A						
SPIPKER	E						
SIVERTSEN	P						
LUND	P						
VINCENT	P						
DUSSAULT	T						
KEMMIS	P						
MENAHAN	P						

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MR. SPEAKER

We, your committee on HOUSE RULES

having had under consideration SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 87 No. 1

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO ADOPT JOINT RULES TO GOVERN THEIR
PROCEEDINGS.

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 87 No. 1

AS AMENDED TO READ:

1. Page 19,
line 18.
Strike: "OR"
line 19.
Strike: "."
Insert: "; "OR"
after line 19.
Insert new subsection: (g) Appropriation bills
2. Page 3, line 11.
Strike: All new material on lines 11 thru 14.

DO PASS AS AMENDED