

HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE  
47th Legislature  
April 13, 1981

The House Rules Committee was called to order by Chairman Rep. Harrison G. Fagg in Room 343 at 10:00 a.m. this date. All members were present except Rep. Moore, Rep. Sivertsen, Rep. Dussault being absent and Rep. Kemmis arriving immediately after roll was taken.

SB 15

Senator Mazurek of Helena, sponsor of this bill, explained why this bill was in the House Rules Committee. Apparently the bill went through both houses and two conference committees and when it was in enrolling it was discovered there was a problem. It started as a one page bill to repeal interest on sales of municipal bonds and was changed to include all bond issues which required a gray copy of the bill to be typed. The Senate called the bill back out of enrolling and placed it in their Rules Committee to have this problem corrected to add the amended copy (gray) to the original SB 15. It was passed out of Senate Rules and passed the Senate and was transmitted to the House for concurrence. Therefore, we are considering this situation at this time. Rep. Marks questioned whether this was the correct procedure. He explained that perhaps this should have been placed in Free Conference Committee when the Senate called it back rather than the Rules Committee. He felt it was not necessary to run it through the whole process again. Rep. Kemmis agreed with this. After conferring with Diana Dowling it was decided that she and Senator Mazurek as well as the Assistant Chief Clerk would study the problems of the bill and report back to the Committee tomorrow with their findings.

The chairman asked that regarding Rep. Eudaily's House Resolution 2 which was previously tabled in this committee, that the Rules Committee write a letter to the Speaker of the House and ask him to, wherever possible, see that everyone wishing to be placed on a committee be placed prior to placing the same person on more than one committee. The secretary was requested to draft a letter.

There was a question regarding the last vote on constitutional amendments and whether Senate Amendments should be considered as being the last vote. There was much discussion on this matter and a motion was made by Rep. Moore that the final vote on questions that require a larger than majority vote third reading would be the final vote. On bills that have been amended by the other house or which call for a referendum, that another vote would be taken. The hearing on this bill was closed waiting for someone from legislative council to come up.

The issue of smoking in the chambers was discussed and it was moved by Rep. Kemmis that smoking not be allowed during session in the members seats area, however, they would be allowed to smoke on the sides along the windows and that this would not apply to members before or after the session itself. The question was called by Rep. Lund and the motion carried unanimously.

The Attorney General's opinion was discussed regarding SB 305, to extend the effective date of bills to October 1. It was felt that a statement of intent should be attached to express the intent of the legislature that SB 305 would change the effective date of all legislation passed in the 47th session unless an effective date is listed in the bill, even the bills passed and signed prior to the passage of 305 should the bill become effective.

Rep. Marks passed out information regarding re-organization of the committees.

Eight principal committees which would meet every morning, five days a week using up until lunch time. Afternoon meetings three out of five days before floor session, could be used for executive session or cancel and thereby giving members more time. Each committee would consist of 13 or 14 members. These committees do not include the Legislative Administration Committee, Rules etc., as they are on call.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. by the Chairman.

  
Rep. Harrison G. Fagg, Chairman

P-Present  
A-Absent  
E-Excused

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Time 10.00 a.m.

FAGG	P						
MARKS	P						
MOORE	A						
SPILKER	P						
SIVERTSEN	A						
LUND	P						
VINCENT	P						
DUSSAULT	A						
KEMMIS	<del>late</del> P						
MENAHAN	P						