

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSE STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
January 12, 1983

CHAIRMAN JOE BRAND called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. in Room 129 of the Capitol. All members were present.

HOUSE BILL 117

Chairman Brand noted there were no bills on the agenda, HOUSE BILL 117 having been put back until Wednesday, January 12, at the request of sponsor REPRESENTATIVE ANDREA HEMSTAD.

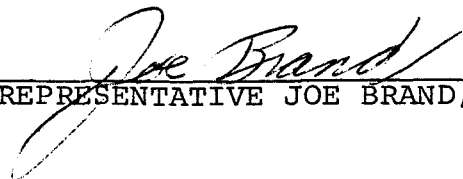
HOUSE BILL 37

REPRESENTATIVE McBRIDE noted that her subcommittee was waiting for a fiscal note on its one bill, HOUSE BILL 37.

HOUSE BILL 107

Chairman Brand said that his subcommittee is continuing work on its only bill, HOUSE BILL 107. Brand voiced his concern about correcting what he viewed as a weakness in the bill, that as it stands, a ballot issue could go on the ballot without an explanation. (See debate Tuesday, January 11.) REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIDAY said she thought the bill was fine as it stands, and a measure should go before the voters if its sponsors were content to allow that to happen. Representative Brand said his Committee would continue to work on the bill.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, REPRESENTATIVE O'CONNELL MOVED, REPRESENTATIVE MUELLER SECONDED, THAT THE COMMITTEE ADJOURN, WHICH IT DID BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.



REPRESENTATIVE JOE BRAND, Chairman

Houses BILL NO. *107*
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BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 13-27-406 AND 13-27-407, MCA, TO REVISE THE DEADLINES FOR FILING BALLOT ISSUE ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS; AND TO CLARIFY THE RESULT OF NOT MEETING THE DEADLINE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 13-27-406, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-27-406. Limitation on length of argument -- time of filing. An argument advocating approval or rejection of a ballot issue is limited to 500 words and shall be filed, in typewritten form, with the secretary of state no later than ~~85--days~~ 5 p.m. on the 90th day before the election at which the issue will be voted on by the people. Arguments received after the filing deadline may not be included in the voter information pamphlet. A majority of the committee responsible for preparation must approve and sign each argument filed. Separate signed letters of approval of an argument may be filed with the secretary of state by members of a committee if necessary to meet the filing deadline."

Section 2. Section 13-27-407, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-27-407. Rebuttal arguments. The secretary of state

shall provide copies of the arguments advocating approval or rejection of a ballot issue to the members of the adversary committee no later than 1 day following the filing of both the approval and rejection arguments for the issue in his office. The committees may prepare rebuttal arguments no longer than 250 words that shall be filed, in typewritten form, with the secretary of state no later than ~~10-days~~ 5 p.m. on the 10th day after the deadline for filing the original arguments. Rebuttal arguments received after the filing deadline may not be included in the voter information pamphlet. Discussion in the rebuttal argument must be confined to the subject matter raised in the argument being rebutted. The rebuttal argument shall be approved and signed by a majority of the committee responsible for its preparation. Separate signed letters of approval may be submitted in the same manner as for the original arguments."

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