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Chairman Vincent called the fourth meeting of the Rules Committee to order at 11:25 a.m. Representatives Shontz and Fagg were absent.

Chairman Vincent said the first item of business was House Bill 134, introduced by Williams. It was recommended that the bill (third reading copy), which was referred to second reading yesterday, be amended today to bring it in conformity with the rules.

Representative O'Connell was present to express her concern that bills which involve appropriations that are heard in another committee are generally referred to Appropriations before going to second reading. She thinks members are missing an opportunity to discuss the bill before it is referred to Appropriations.

Speaker Kemmis commented that if they had less of a limit on time, he would like all members to be able to be aware of all bills involving appropriations. He said he has attempted to assign all bills that set policy to substantive committees so more legislators are involved. He reiterated Representative Menahan's point (made yesterday on floor) that if every bill that goes to such a committee has to be heard on second reading, then he would feel inclined to assign all these types of bills to Appropriations, which would lessen the number of legislators who could be involved.

Chairman Vincent said that as long as members know that if any one of them feels strongly about having a bill heard on second reading before referred to another committee, specifically Appropriations in this case, that they have House Rule 3-4 as a vehicle to do this, that he hoped this would be adequate.

Speaker Kemmis moved that the committee recommend that the rule 3-4 not be changed. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vincent said the final matter of business was Representative Devlin's motion on the floor yesterday and the bills he referenced; his bill, #237, and Bardanouve's bill, #413. His motion was to move his bill from Local Government to Appropriations without recommendation. The rule covering this is Joint Rule 6-8.

Kemmis said that he felt the two bills were different since in Devlin's bill he is trying to get money to local governments and Bardanouve's bill is just changing the money that goes to highways and schools and doesn't have any local government impact. He said no matter how it comes out of Local Government (Devlin's bill), that if he wants to refer it to Appropriations, that there would be no opposition to this, as far as he was concerned.

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Kemmis summarized, after more discussion, that they were all in agreement that if Devlin's bill was killed, it would not in turn kill Bardanouve's bill. His interpretation is that if a motion is made on Order of Business No. 2 to move a bill from one committee to another, that this is allowed, whether an adverse or positive committee report.

In conclusion, Kemmis said Devlin's motion would be accepted on the floor this date.

Meeting was adjourned at noon.

JOHN VINCENT, CHAIRMAN

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RULES COMMITTEE #4

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ATTENDANCE

DATE: 1/25/83

	PRESENT	ABSENT	OTHER
VINCENT, Chairman			
KEMMIS, Vice-Chairman			
ADDY			
FABREGA	V		
FAGG			
HARRINGTON	V		
MARKS			
RAMIREZ	V		
SHONTZ			
YARDLEY	V	·	