

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
MARCH 2, 1983

The seventh meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was called to order by Chairman Frank W. Hazelbaker, at 6:25 P.M. on March 2, 1983, in Room 331 of the Capitol Building. All members were present.

Rule 6-8 of the Rules of the Montana Legislature reads as follows:

" 6-8. No bill may be introduced or received in a house after that house has finally rejected a bill during that session designed to accomplish the same purpose save upon approval by the rules committee of the house in which the bill is offered for introduction or reception."

Secretary of the Senate, John Larson, advised the committee that Senate Bill 274 had been killed in the Senate on adoption of an adverse committee report. House Bill 284 has much of the same language as SB 274, and he recommended to the Rules Committee that it act on HB 284 under Rule 6-8.

J. D. Holmes, lobbyist for HB 284, testified as follows: Rule 6-8 was designed to prevent a bill being entered that was "designed to accomplish the same purpose" as a previous bill that had been rejected. It was his contention that the two bills were not designed to accomplish the same purpose.

SB 274, introduced by Senator Harold Dover, creates a State Board of counselors. HB 284 creates a State Board of licensed social workers. The degree required of a counselor is a "mish mash" whereas a degree of a social worker indicates an exact science. This is the main reason he did not see any similarity of purpose.

Further, Mr. Holmes testified that HB 284 was written first in the Legislative Council, and that when the request for drafting SB 274 came into the Council, it merely used HB 284 as a basis and this was the reason for the similarity of language.

House Representative, Cal Winslow, the sponsor of HB 284, then testified that the purpose of his bill was to address 150 people in the state and that the level of a social worker requires 3,000 hours of psychotherapy. Senator Dover's bill which addressed counselors, in his opinion, was rightly killed, and that with the killing of SB 274, it was appropriate to enter his bill.

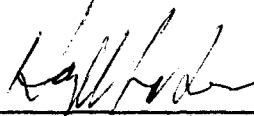
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Senator Jean Turnage moved that the committee find that HB 284 is not proscribed by Rule 6-8. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hazelbaker adjourned the meeting at 6:35 P.M.



Frank W. Hazelbaker,
Chairman, Senate Rules Committee

ROLL CALL

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COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
<u>Frank Hazelbaker, Chairman (R)</u>	✓		
<u>Gary Aklestad, V.Chairman (R)</u>	✓		
<u>Stan Stephens (R)</u>	✓		
<u>Jean Turnage (R)</u>	✓		
<u>Chet Blaylock (D)</u>	✓		
<u>Pat Regan (D)</u>	✓		
<u>Tom Towe (D)</u>	✓		

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