

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

MARCH 16, 1983

The meeting of the Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Tom Hager on Wednesday, March 16, 1983 at 6 p.m. in Room 410 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

Senator Marbut stated that he had requested that the meeting be called to discuss the Committee's earlier actions on HJR 8 and HJR 13.

Senator Hager stated that the Senate has already addressed this particular issue in the form of SJR 10 by Senator Van Valkenberg. This resolution was passed to the House and it included all of elements in HJR 8 and HJR 13.

Senator Jacobson stated that there is a question about procedure since both resolutions are now tabled.

Senator Christiaens stated that there is a question as to the formula for procedure in the handling of the two bills together.

Senator Norman stated that these two resolutions occupied the House endlessly and if one would try to put them out on the floor of the Senate there would be endless hours there debating them.

Senator Stephens stated that the two resolutions cannot be voted together as it is against the rules. On the floor the two resolutions would cause endless hours of discussion, and he would like to avoid that if at all possible, especially in view of the fact that they had already passed a resolution addressing this issue.

Senator Himsel stated that a resolution is supposed to express the concenses of everyone. The House sent two resolution over and the Senate sent one.

Senator Hager stated that if you put HJR 8 and HJR 13 together you would have SJR 10. It is necessary to arrive at a consensus.

A motion was made by Senator Marbut that the Committee reconsider its actions on HJR 8.

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Senator Norman stated that emotions are high and we need to be concerned about rules.

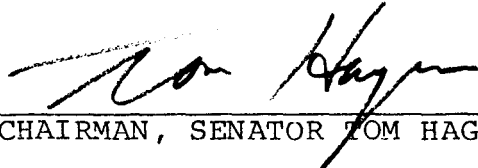
Senator Jacobson stated that it is important to handle what comes over from the other house. Perhaps what has happened here is a good reason to leave HJR 8 on the table.

Senator Hager stated that the vote at the previous meeting was 5-2 and therefore, not close.

Senator Christiaens suggested leaving the bills on the table and wait to see what happens to SJR 10.

Senator Marbut stated that he would like to see the bills handled together as a package and put together in one vote. He stated that he would like to be able to vote on the two bills together whether they would go up or down and to keep the politics out of it. He then stated that he is uncomfortable with HJR 13. He had even discussed his concerns with the sponsor of the resolution. He is concerned with the mechanics and structure of HJR 13.

A substitute motion was made by Senator Stephens that the Committee be adjourned. Motion carried.



CHAIRMAN, SENATOR TOM HAGER

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ROLL CALL

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