

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
RULES COMMITTEE
APRIL 20th, 1983

The 13th meeting of the Senate Rules Committee met in Room 331 of the Capitol Building at 3:10 P.M. on April 20, 1983. All members were present.

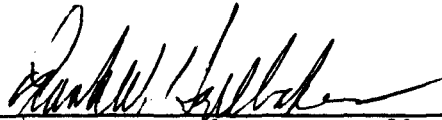
The meeting was called in order that the Rules Committee could address the question as to whether or not it would take a 2/3's vote to ask the House to send over to the Senate, House Bill No. 677.

Senator Turnage said that Joint Rules say that it would take a suspension of the rules to require the transmittal of a bill after the 45th day.

Senator Towe cited that Mason's Rule 7-67 allows acceding or receding from amendments. Senator Turnage said that because the Joint Rules do cover the matter, Mason's Rules do not apply.

After discussion by Senators Towe, Blaylock, Turnage, Lee, Stephens and others, a motion by Senator Turnage was recommended to the Senate, this motion to be divided into two parts: first, that a simple majority can dissolve a conference committee; second, that the ruling of the Chair be sustained and that it would take a 2/3's vote to receive the bill back into the Senate from the House.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.



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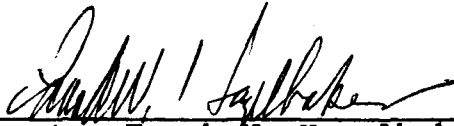
The 14th meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was called to order in Room 331 of the Capitol Building at 4:00 P.M. All members were present.

This meeting was called after Senator Manning's motion to dissolve the conference committee on Senate Bill No. 677 was defeated on a simple majority vote.

The question was whether or not the 2nd part of the recommended motion in the 13th meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was now moot. After considerable discussion, Senator Towe moved that the issue of whether or not a 2/3's vote is required to return House Bill 677 is not presently before the Senate, and, therefore, a challenge to the Chair is not in order on that point. All members of the committee voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Senator Towe then moved that this Rules Committee recommend to the 49th Legislative Session that the issue of what can be done to a bill that is in conference committee, and whether it can be further acted upon without further suspension of the rules should be reviewed, addressed and resolved in the Joint Rules. Senators Blaylock and Regan voted No, and all other Senators voting Aye, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.



Senator Frank W. Hazelbaker,
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