

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
RULES COMMITTEE

April 15, 1985

The meeting of the Rules Committee was called to order by Rep. Jack Ramirez, Chairman on April 15, 1985 at 10:05 am in Room 437, State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: Roll was called with all members present except Rep. Keyser who was excused.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear Senate Bills 65 and 178 and House Resolution 3.

SENATE BILL 65: Sen. Blaylock, chief sponsor, stated this pertained to legislative leadership positions and organization of committees should a tie vote occur such as happened this session in the House.

Several members of the committee discussed whether there need be a bill passed for this purpose as they felt the present session was organized smoothly with committee chairmen and the actual committee being divided evenly and was working well. It was also mentioned that the bill does not address the three leadership positions of the opposite party of the governor.

SENATE BILL 178: Sen. Kolstad, chief sponsor stated the purpose of this bill was giving authority to the Legislative Council to set and collect fees for the proceedings of the legislature. It transfer authority from the legislature to the legislative council. Many subscribers sign up for the proceedings shortly after the election through the legislative council and they are the agency that should take care of this. No further discussion was held.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 3: Rep. Driscoll, chief sponsor stated this Resolution was to establish a House committee on Business and Industry and another committee on Labor and Employment Relations. His reason for wanting the change was he felt the Business and Labor Committee, which had 240 bills this session, was burdened with too many bills. He felt the two committees worked well before the two were combined.

A brief discussion by members of the committee felt it had worked well, especially with the members of the committee this session which seemed to be pretty evenly divided between business and labor. It was mentioned that possible there was not enough time during some of the meetings to fully hear the bills properly.

Sen. Norman then asked to speak on House Bill 923 concerning allocation of space for the legislature. He felt the Captiol Building and Planning committee should have the authority to allocate the space in the Capitol.

Ellen Feaver, Director of the Department of Administration stated at the present time her department is responsible for such things as custodial, security, etc. of the Capitol and would welcome advice from the committee. Whenever the legislature moves someone out of the Capitol it's a problem to find space for them. If some state office were to move out of the Capitol there is no more space to allocate in other state buildings. She felt that if offices were to be moved out of the capitol it should be the legislature and not her office that does it.

Rep. Jack Moore mentioned that he thought the legislature had contracted with the Department of Administration to take care of the security and custodial aspects of the Capitol.

Rep. Marks felt if you gave a committee the power to allocate space it may be unconstitutional.

There was discussion, not only on allocation of rooms but just who will get offices apart from the committee rooms.

Bob Person felt the problem started with the inability of the legislature to agree with one another. He felt the whole legislative body should decide on allocation.

Rep. Moore asked if a draft and information as to the kind of space requirements needed could be done by the Department of Administration. Going one step further, if you give everybody some space, what then would you need in the way of space requirements -- how much square footage and how much would it cost.

Discussion was then held on appointing a Free Conference Committee to gather information on how much it was going to cost, the 17 committee rooms needed and providing office space.

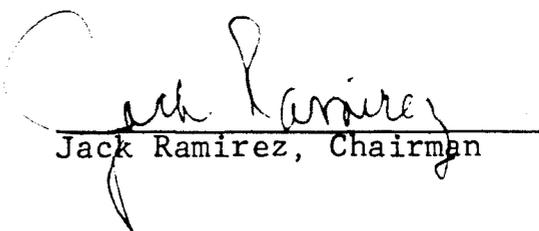
The committee then began executive action on SB-65, SB-178 and HR-3.

Rep. Vincent moved SB-178 do pass. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Rep. Marks moved SB-65 be tabled. Seconded and passed with three dissenting votes which were Reps. Harper, Addy and Vincent.

Rep. Jack Moore moved HR-3 be tabled. Seconded and passed with three dissenting votes which were Reps. Harper, Brown and Vincent.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.


Jack Ramirez, Chairman

