

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
RULES COMMITTEE

December 28, 1984

A meeting of the Rules Committee was called to order by Vice-Chairman Harper on December 28, 1984 at 1:45 p.m. in Room 420, State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: Roll was called with Reps. Ramirez and D. Brown excused and Reps. Moore and Schultz absent.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Rep Harper stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the organization of the Montana House of Representatives.

Rep. Harper stated that this memorandum should be included in the Rules as an addendum, for this session only.

Item 11 on Exhibit A attached regarding authority for the Republican House Leader to request fiscal notes from the Speaker was discussed.

Rep. Vincent asked if it was necessary to list the party affiliation of chairmanships which is discussed in Items D & E on page 2.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the method of voting for the Leadership of the first day of the session. It was suggested by Rep. Marks that the agreement be adopted as it now stands subject to a discussion with Rep. Vincent.

Rep. Vincent then discussed the appointment and recommendations of Conference Committees, page 3, Item 4a, and it was decided to leave it as is. Standard procedure is to try it out with two members from each party on the Conference Committees.

Good faith consultation was mentioned briefly and was decided it may require a short recess at times.

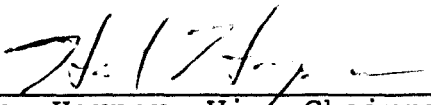
Rep. Vincent then brought up Item 10, page 4 on Procedural Motions. He asked that Reps. Harper and Ramirez work closely in regard to the Procedural Motions.

Signing of this agreement was discussed and Rep. Vincent said he would prefer to wait until Friday.

Rep. Keyser moved adoption of the memorandum as is. Seconded and passed unanimously.

It was decided to meet January 7 and go through these rules. Rep. Marks moved that the Legislative Council be requested to draft enough copies of the memorandum, after signing, so that they can be presented along with the rules. Seconded and carried unanimously.

Rep. Harper moved ajournment of the meeting at 2:33 p.m. Seconded and Passed unanimously.


Rep. Harper, Vice Chairman

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