

Senate Rules  
45th Legislative Day  
10:45 a.m.

Senator Van Valkenburg called the meeting to order with all members being present. Senator Van Valkenburg stated that the purpose of the meeting was to determine how the Joint Rules should apply regarding the 45th day of the session. He questioned the members of the committee as to their opinions on the need for suspension of the rules to place Senate Bill 364 on third reading this day.

Senator Norman asked for reference in the rules.

Senator Van Valkenburg pointed to page 32 rule 6-20 which requires that in order for a bill to proceed from second to third reading, there must be a one day lapse of time. Therefore, in order for a bill to go from second to third reading on the same day, this 45th day, a two-third vote of the Senate body would be required.

Senator Towe stated that it was his recollection that the Senate has always made a motion to suspend the rules on the 45th day, as is done on the 90th day.

Senator Norman stated that if a two-third vote is required on the 90th day then surely a two-third vote for suspension of the rules should properly be required on the 45th day.

Senator Blaylock affirmed this position.

Senator Van Valkenburg referred back to Joint Rule 6-20 which states that there must be a one day lapse between the time a bill is debated on second reading and the time it is placed on third reading.

Senator Stephens questioned if the bill at hand (Senate Bill 364 introduced by Senator Dick Pinsoneault D-St. Ignatius) should properly be placed on Order of Business Number 8.

Senator Norman questioned the purpose of debating Senate Bill 364 on second reading if it will not proceed to third reading that day.

Senator Stephens concurred, adding that in the spirit of fairness, the Senate should probably move the bill into another position to avoid having Senator Pinsoneault lose his bill on a technicality.

Senator Van Valkenburg stated that he would not object to the passage of Senate Bill 364 if Senator Pinsoneault would amend it to strike the death penalty.

Senator Pinsoneault stated that he would not consider striking the death penalty from his bill.

Senator Crippen asked why the bill should be placed on second reading.

Senator Van Valkenburg stated that his motion was to reconsider.

Senator Stephens suggested that Senator Pinsoneault could move to place Senate Bill 364 on second reading then move to place it on third reading.

After general agreement from the committee members, Senator Van Valkenburg confirmed with Senator Pinsoneault that it was not his desire to debate Senate Bill 364 on second reading. Thus, the proper motions would be to make a motion to place Senate Bill 364 on second reading, then to make a subsequent motion to place it on third reading.

Senator Stephens suggested the president explain the procedure to the body briefly, thus hoping to avoid lengthy debate.

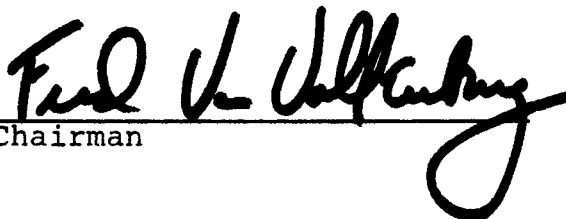
MOTION:

Senator Christiaens made a motion to adjourn.

The question was called.

MOTION CARRIED:

The ayes carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

  
Chairman

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Secretary