

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JOINT RULES COMMITTEE
THIRD SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
49th LEGISLATURE

June 20, 1986

The third meeting of the Joint Rules Committee was called to order by Chairman Van Valkenburg at 1:00 p.m., with all members present except for Senators Crippen, Stephens and Christiaens. Representative Marks was excused by request.

Chairman Van Valkenburg stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss special rules regarding sessions running concurrently with the Governor's call. He stated the first proposed special rule state that bills must be introduced by 5:00 p.m. the 2nd legislative day after the reading of the call. Thus, if new petitions cam in at 3:00 p.m. of that day, members would have until 5:00 p.m. Sunday or the 2nd legislative day to get the bills introduced.

Representative Moore asked if such a rule would be effective.

Representative Vincent said that really no deadline would preclude someone from putting in an expansion petition as late as Wednesday or Thursday.

Chairman Van Valkenburg stated that there would still be 24 hours allowed for introduction. He suggested adding the verbiage "this rule is effective and applies to all calls for concurrent special sessions upon adoption of this rule." He further pointed out that the rule would also apply if the Governor expanded the call.

Representative Ramirez stated that he would only go along with the Chairman's suggestion if he could be assured that the Legislative Council would get the bills drafted.

Chairman Van Valkenburg then suggested that if the bill was not yet drafted by the deadline, the 24 hour deadline would apply. He assured Representative Ramirez that such would be the interpretation of the proposed special rule without complicating the language further.

MOTION: Representative Moore moved to adopt the special rule regarding deadlines as delineated by Chairman Van Valkenburg.

The question was called. The motion carried unanimously in the House, and had two ayes in the Senate.

Chairman Van Valkenburg informed the committee that since there was not a quorum of Senators, without objection he would leave the vote open for the other members of the committee. The three absent senators voted later that day, with Senators Stephns, Crippen and Christiaens all voting aye.

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Chairman Van Valkenburg then brought up the subject of adoption of a special rule which would apply to requests regarding the drafting of bills within the scope of Special Session III.

MOTION: Senator Norman moved the recommendation of the rule which would state that the Joint Rules Committee shall have the authority to request the drafting of any bill within the scope of Special Session III of the 49th Legislature or any concurrent session and to introduce such bill at any time.

The question was called. The motion carried unanimously in the House and had two ayes in the Senate.

Chairman Van Valkenburg again stated that since there was not a quorum of Senators, without objection, he would leave the vote open for the other members of the committee. The three absent senators voted later that day.

Chairman Van Valkenburg then stated that he had also been asked to consider verbiage for a rule regarding transmittal. He proposed to meet again on Monday, June 23, 1986, for consideration of that matter.

Chairman Van Valkenburg then asked Mr. Petesch if he knew how many petitions were circulating to expand the call.

Mr. Petesch replied that he was aware of thirty or more, but as there is no log kept, he could not be sure. He stated that he had heard estimates as high as sixty petitions.

Chairman Van Valkenburg stated that he was concerned about the estimates and queried the members as to their ideas on how to find out formally the number of petitions circulating.

Representative Ramirez requested the Chair to go back to the issue of a transmittal deadline.

Chairman Van Valkenburg stated that he was leaning toward a Wednesday deadline, but would like to see the process take its own course for a little while longer first.

Representative Vincent voiced opposition to a transmittal deadline.

Chairman Van Valkenburg stated that he would like to go back to the issue of outstanding petitions, and asked the committee if they felt they should try to put a deadline on petitions. He stated that any such deadline would not be

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legally binding, but perhaps leadership could exert moral persuasion of the members of their respective caucuses.

Senator Norman stated that the body had the option of moving through the bills germane to the call and adjourning, thereby losing a large number of petitions in the shuffle.

MOTION: Representative Vincent suggested taking the problem back up at another meeting and moved to adjourn.

Chairman Van Valkenburg adjourned the meeting with notice that the committee would meet again at 1:00 p.m., June 23, 1986.

Chairman Van Valkenburg

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on JOINT RULES

having had under consideration SPECIAL RULE No.

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Respectfully report as follows: That SPECIAL RULE No.

The following deadlines apply with respect to all bills that may be requested for drafting or introduction pursuant to any call for a special session to be held concurrently with that of the call of the Governor dated May 30, 1986:

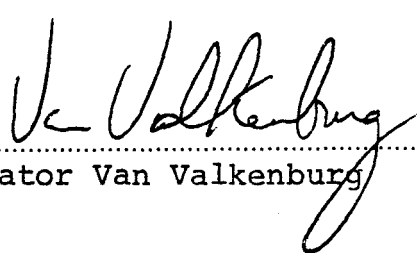
Drafting requests: By 5:00 p.m. the next legislative day following reading of the call for a concurrent session by the Chief Clerk of the House or Secretary of the Senate.

Introduction: By 5:00 p.m. the second legislative day following reading of the call for a concurrent session by the Chief Clerk of the House or Secretary of the Senate.

This rule is effective and applies to all calls for concurrent special sessions upon adoption of this rule.

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Senator Van Valkenburg Chairman.

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MR. PRESIDENT

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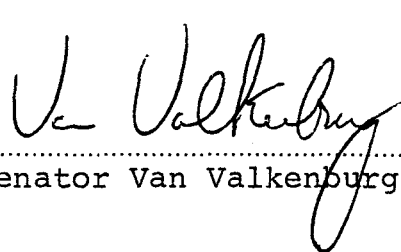
Respectfully report as follows: That.....SPECIAL RULE.....

No.....

The Joint Rules Committee shall have the authority to request the drafting of any bill within the scope of Special Session III of the 49th Legislature or any concurrent session and to introduce such bill at any time.

DO PASS

~~DO NOT PASS~~


Senator Van Valkenburg

Chairman.