MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT RULES

Call to Order: By Chairman Gage, on December 13, 1988, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Senators: Del Gage, Jack Galt, Bruce Crippen, Bill Farrell, Judy Jacobson, Bill Norman, Fred Van Valkenburg Representatives: Kelly Addy, Dave Brown, Jerry Driscoll, Tom Hannah, Hal Harper, John Mercer, Joe Quilici, Jack Ramirez, John Vincent

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Representative Dennis Iverson

Staff Present: Mary McCue, Legislative Council

PROPOSED JOINT RULES REVISIONS

CHAPTER 30 - COMMITTEES

[30-50] Committee consideration of appropriation bills. Discussion was held as to who should be designated as chairman of the joint committee. Representative Quilici made a motion stating that meetings of the joint committee must be held upon call of the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, who would be chairman of the joint committee.

Motion Passed

[30-60] Joint committee to estimate revenue. Lengthly discussion was held in regard as to who should be designated as chairman. Rule [30-10] states that the chairman of the Senate committee is the chairman of all joint committees with the exception of Rule [30-50] and Rule [30-60]. Representative Driscoll made a motion to strike rule [30-60] entirely.

Motion Failed

Representative Harper made a motion to designate a Senator as chairman of the Revenue Estimate Committee.

Motion Failed

Representative Ramirez made a motion that three members can request a meeting of Joint Revenue Estimate Committee within 24 hours and that the committee be chaired by a Senator.

Motion Failed

It was the consensus of the members to table further discussion of Rule [30-60] until a later date.

CHAPTER 40 - LEGISLATION

- [40-40] Bill drafting request limitations. The members of the Joint Rules committee agreed that prior to 5 p.m. on December 5th preceding a regular session of the legislature, a legislator may request an unlimited number of bills and resolutions to be prepared by the Legislative Council for introduction in the regular session. After 5 p.m. on December 5th, a legislator may request no more than 7 bills or resolutions to be prepared by the Legislative Council. At least 2 of the 7 bill or resolution requests must be made before the regular session convenes. After December 5th, a legislator at the legislator's discretion, may grant to any other legislator any of the remaining bill or resolution requests the granting legislator has not used.
- Representative Dave Brown requested to be on the record as being opposed to any bill limitations and there is no legality in enforcing the limitation before the beginning of the session.
- Representative Mercer made a motion that the bill limitation be retroactive to December 5th and that the bill and resolution limitations does not apply to a bill or resolution requested by a legislator at the request of a newly-elected state official if so designated.

Motion Passed

- [40-160] Enrolling. The members of the Joint Rules committee agreed to leave this section as is.
- [40-200] Transmittal deadlines.(1) Representative Harper made a motion that if a bill or amendment is transmitted after deadline that it may be considered by the receiving house only upon approval of two-thirds of its members present and voting.

Motion Passed

Representative Ramirez made a motion that in sub-section (2) the phrase "tax collections" be stricken and the word "revenue" be inserted. The section would read: A revenue bill is one that either increases or decreases revenue.

Motion Passed

[40-210] Governor's veto. The members of the Joint Rules committee agreed to leave this section as is.

STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

[70-30] Statement of intent to accompany bill -- when -- how.

Representative Ramirez made a motion to accept the new language proposed by the Legislative Council. Section [70-30] would read:

A statement of intent shall accompany a bill as follows: A statement of intent is required for a bill delegating new rulemaking or licensing authority. A statement of intent must be included with the introduced bill for a bill requiring one. If a bill is found to require a statement of intent at any time in the legislative process, a statement of intent may be added under the procedure for amending a bill. A statement of intent must be included as a part of the bill between the title and the enacting clause under the heading "Statement of Intent".

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

DELWYN GAGE, Chairman

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COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR DEL GAGE			
SENATOR JACK GALT			
SENATOR BRUCE CRIPPEN			
SENATOR BILL FARRELL			
SENATOR JUDY JACOBSON			
SENATOR BILL NORMAN			
SENATOR FRED VAN VALKENBU	JRG _		
REPRESENTATIVE KELLY ADD			
REPRESENTATIVE DAVE BROW	I .		
REPRESENTATIVE JERRY DRI	SCOLL		
REPRESENTATIVE TOM HANNA	H /		
REPRESENTATIVE HAL HARPE	R		
REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS IV	ERSON		
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MERC	ER		
REPRESENTATIVE JOE QUILI	cı /		
REPRESENTATIVE JACK RAMI REPRESENTATIVE JOHN VINC			

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