

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: By Jerry Driscoll, Chair, on February 16, 1991,
at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jerry Driscoll, Chairman (D)
Hal Harper, Vice-Chairman (D)
Dave Brown (D)
Paula Darko (D)
Larry Grinde (R)
Mike Kadas (D)
John Mercer (R)
Jim Rice (R)
Angela Russell (D)
Bill Strizich (D)
Chuck Swysgood (R)

Staff Present: None.

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Announcements/Discussion:

Rep. Brown discusses expanding the resolutions and bills that can be put on the consent calendar. The committee chairs would report bills which are non-controversial as consent calendar bills. They would then be placed on the agenda and go on the legislators' desks along with the regular agenda packet. The consent calendar bills will be on the desks for twenty-four hours. If no member objects to a bill being on the consent calendar within twenty four hours it is taken off and put on third reading without discussion and debate. This will move legislation as possible.

The objection to a bill being on the consent calendar has to be a formal written objection by a legislator. If a consent calendar bill is objected to than it is taken off and placed on second for discussion and debate.

MOTION by Rep. Brown: I move we adopt and recommend to the body the amendments to H40-110, Option 1, except sub 1. (See Attachment 1).

Rep. Harper: We will print it on the same agenda, because it will be save paper.

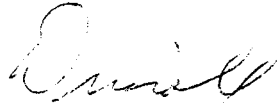
Motion CARRIED by unanimous vote.

MOTION by Rep. Harper: I move the Rules Committee authorize a late introduction for this House Resolution. Suspend the Rules on Monday to bring this before the Committee of the Whole.

Motion CARRIED by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 1:10 p.m.



JERRY DRISCOLL, Chair



PAT JACOBSON, Secretary

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RULES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE 2-16-1961

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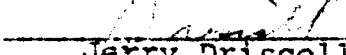
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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Rules report that House
Resolution 2 (first reading copy -- white) do pass .

Signed: 
Jerry Driscoll, Chairman

Options for Expanded Use of Consent Calendar in the House

Option 1, Placement by Speaker and Minority Leader:

"H40-110. Consent calendar procedure. (1) Bills and resolutions may be placed on the consent calendar in either of the following ways:

(1) Noncontroversial bills and simple and joint resolutions may be recommended for the consent calendar by a standing committee and processed according to the following provisions:

(1)(a) to be eligible for the consent calendar, the legislation must receive a unanimous vote by the members of the standing committee in attendance (do pass, do pass as amended). In addition, a motion must be made and passed unanimously to place the legislation on the consent calendar and this action reflected in the committee report. Appropriation or revenue bills may not be recommended for the consent calendar.

(2)(b) The legislation must then be sent to be processed and reproduced as a third reading version and specifically marked as a "consent calendar" item.

(2) Other legislation may be placed on the consent calendar by agreement between the speaker and the minority leader following a positive recommendation by a standing committee. The legislation must be sent to be processed as a second reading version, but will be specifically announced and posted as a "consent calendar" item.

(3) Legislation must be posted immediately (as soon as it is received ~~as a third reading version~~ appropriately printed) on the consent calendar and must remain there for 1 legislative day before consideration under Order of Business No. 11, special orders of the day. At that time, the presiding officer shall announce consideration of the consent calendar and allow "reasonable time" for questions and answers upon request. No debate is allowed.

(4)(d) If any three representatives submit written objections to the placement of the legislation on the consent calendar by the action of a standing committee, or if any one representative submits a written objection to the placement of legislation on the consent calendar by the speaker and minority leader, the legislation must be removed from the consent calendar and added to the regular second reading board.

(5) Consent calendar legislation will be considered on Order of Business No. 8, third reading of bills, following the regular third reading agenda.

(6) Legislation on the consent calendar must be considered individually with the roll call vote spread on the journal as the final vote in the House.

(7) Legislation passed on the consent calendar must then be transmitted to the Senate. Legislation must be appropriately printed prior to transmittal."

Option 2, Expanded Standing Committee Authority:

"H40-110. Consent calendar procedure. Noncontroversial bills and simple and joint resolutions may be recommended for the consent calendar by a standing committee and processed according to the following provisions:

(1) to be eligible for the consent calendar, the legislation must receive a unanimous vote not more than three negative votes by the members of the standing committee in attendance (do pass, do pass as amended). In addition, a motion must be made and passed unanimously with no more than three negative votes to place the legislation on the consent calendar and this action reflected in the committee report. Appropriation or revenue bills may not be recommended for the consent calendar.

(2) The legislation must then be sent to be processed and reproduced as a third reading version and specifically marked as a "consent calendar" item.

(3) Legislation must be posted immediately (as soon as it is received as a third reading version) on the consent calendar and must remain there for 1 legislative day before consideration under Order of Business No. 11, special orders of the day. At that time, the presiding officer shall announce consideration of the consent calendar and allow "reasonable time" for questions and answers upon request. No debate is allowed.

(4) If any three representatives submit written objections to the placement of the legislation on the consent calendar, the legislation must be removed from the consent calendar and added to the regular second reading board.

(5) Consent calendar legislation will be considered on Order of Business No. 8, third reading of bills, following the regular third reading agenda.

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The above options are not mutually exclusive.