

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: By Senator Fred Van Valkenburg, on January 3, 1991, at 3:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Van Valkenburg, Chairman (D)
Joseph Mazurek, Vice Chairman (D)
Bruce Crippen (R)
Delwyn Gage (R)
Judy Jacobson (D)
Thomas Keating (R)

Members Excused: Paul Svrcek (D)

Staff Present: None.

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

Announcements/Discussion: Senator Van Valkenburg stated that purpose of this meeting is to consider any proposals for changes in Senate Rules and to prepare for the introduction of a resolution addressing rules for the 52nd Legislative Session. Senator Van Valkenburg had no proposals for changes in the Senate Rules.

Senator Gage asked if Senate Rule 20-70 would be interpreted as prohibiting Senators from distributing their own material to the desks of other Senators without the permission of the President of the Senate. Senator Mazurek expressed concern that interest groups would pressure senators to distribute their materials. Senator Crippen reminded the committee that the President is responsible for decorum and should be able to determine if material is not appropriate for distribution. Senator Keating hoped that nothing reasonable would be rejected by the President. Senator Mazurek assured the committee that nothing reasonable would be withheld. Senator Gage decided to withdraw the issue.

Senator Jacobson requested that the President outline a procedure for appointments to conference committees. She noted that the procedure has varied and needs some uniformity. Senator Mazurek agreed to briefly outline the procedure.

Senator Van Valkenburg directed the Legislative Council to draft a Senate Resolution adopting the Senate Rules existing at the end of the 51st Legislative Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 3:55 p.m.


FRED VAN VALKENBURG, Chairman


CLAUDIA CLIFFORD, Secretary

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