

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 53rd LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: By Senator Greg Jergeson, on November 29, 1993,  
at 3:00 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Greg Jergeson, Chair (D)  
Sen. Fred Van Valkenburg, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Bruce Crippen (R)  
Sen. Steve Doherty (D)  
Sen. Judy Jacobson (D)  
Sen. J.D. Lynch (D)

**Members Excused:** Senator Gage and Senator Harp

**Staff Present:** Lynn Staley, Committee Secretary

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

Senator Jergeson said the reason for the meeting is to take up the issue of pairs in Committee of the Whole. Senate Rule 50-190 sub (3) says pairs in Committee of the Whole are prohibited. He said allowances were made during the last regular session for a couple members who were seriously ill. He said pairs are not permitted in Standing Committees, but we have allowed voting in absentia to occur in Standing Committees, so the only place a person is not able to cast a vote in their absence is the Committee of the Whole. He said the issue he is raising is eliminating, for the special session, paragraph sub 3 of Senate Rule 50-190, and that would permit pairs in Committee of the Whole.

Senator Jacobson and Senator Doherty agreed with Senator Jergeson.

**Motion:** Senator Doherty moved sub 3 of Senate Rule 50-190 be eliminated. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

  
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SENATOR GREG JERGESON, Chair

  
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LYNN STALEY, Secretary

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