

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

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IN THE HOUSE

January 8, 1979

Considered read and referred
to Committee on Rules.

Committee recommend resolution
be adopted as amended. Refer
to bills committee for printing.

On motion rules suspended and
bill placed on second reading
this day.

Recommend favorably by committee
of the whole. Report adopted.

Referred to Bills Committee
for enrolling.

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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA TO ADOPT RULES TO GOVERN ITS PROCEEDINGS IN ADDITION
6 TO JOINT RULES.

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8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 That the following rules are adopted:

11 HOUSE RULES

12 CHAPTER 1

13 Presiding Officer -- Decorum,

14 Order and Debate

15 H1-1. The house of representatives shall elect one of
16 its members speaker. The house shall choose its other
17 officers, and shall judge of the elections, returns, and
18 qualifications of its members.

19 H1-2. The house shall elect one of its members speaker
20 pro tempore who shall perform all of the duties of the
21 speaker in the absence of that officer, and on such other
22 occasions as the speaker may request.

23 H1-3. No member shall speak for longer than thirty
24 minutes in debate on any one motion or question.

25 H1-4. No member shall speak more than once on the same

1 question without the unanimous consent of the house, unless
2 he has proposed or introduced the matter under debate, in
3 which case he may speak in reply after all members choosing
4 to speak have spoken.

5 H1-6. If the motions "do pass" and "do not pass" or
6 "indefinitely postpone" both fail on Second Reading, a
7 motion to reconsider is in order in Committee of the Whole.

8 CHAPTER 7

9 Committees

10 H7-1. The standing committees of the house are as
11 follows:

- 12 1. Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
- 13 2. Appropriations
- 14 3. Business and Industry
- 15 4. Education and Cultural Resources
- 16 5. Fish and Game
- 17 6. Highways and Transportation
- 18 7. Judiciary
- 19 8. Labor and Employment Relations
- 20 9. Legislative Administration/Bills and Journal
- 21 10. Local Government
- 22 11. Natural Resources
- 23 12. ~~Public--Health--Welfare--end-Safety~~ Human Services
- 24 13. Rules
- 25 14. State Administration

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1 15. Taxation

2 The first named member of a committee is the chairman,
3 and in his absence the next named member, and so on.

4 H7-2. The committee on rules shall consist of the
5 speaker, the majority leader, and three other members of the
6 majority party appointed by the speaker, the minority
7 leader, and three other members of the minority party
8 designated by the minority leader and appointed by the
9 speaker. The speaker shall appoint other standing
10 committees, select committees, and house membership on joint
11 committees and conference committees.

12 H7-3. All bills having "Do Pass" committee
13 recommendations shall be deemed adopted and shall be placed
14 on second reading unless they are referred to a committee.

15 If the committee report is that the bill "Do Not Pass",
16 the bill shall be posted by the chief clerk of the house and
17 the members of the house have 24 hours in which to indicate
18 in writing to the chief clerk that they wish to have the
19 bill debated. If a 10 member members so indicates indicate,
20 the bill will be placed on second reading for debate. If no
21 such indication is made, the committee report will be voted
22 on order of business No. 2 without debate.

23 CHAPTER 8

24 Rules

25 H8-1. (1) A motion to amend or adopt a rule of the

1 house shall be referred to the committee on rules, which
2 shall report no later than the next legislative day. Unless
3 recommended by the committee on rules, no house rule shall
4 be amended or adopted except by a two-thirds vote.

5 (2) A house rule may be suspended temporarily for a
6 specified purpose by unanimous consent.

7 H8-2. Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure governs
8 the proceedings of the house of representatives in all cases
9 not covered

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