

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

INTRODUCED BY STEPHENS

IN THE SENATE

January 11, 1979

Introduced and referred
to Committee on Rules.

January 12, 1979

Committee recommend bill
do pass as amended.
Report adopted.

On motion rules suspended.
Bill referred to Second
Reading for consideration
this day.

Second reading, do pass.

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INTRODUCED BY *Q. H. H.*

A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO ADOPT RULES TO GOVERN ITS PROCEEDINGS IN ADDITION TO THE JOINT RULES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the following rules are adopted:

CHAPTER 1

Presiding Officer -- Decorum,

Order and Debate

S1-1. The senate shall choose a president from its membership who shall be the presiding officer. In case of the absence or disqualification of the president, the president pro tempore of the senate shall perform the duties of the president until the vacancy is filled or the disability removed.

S1-2. The senate shall, at the beginning of each regular session, and at such other times as may be necessary, elect one of its members president pro tempore. The senate shall choose its other officers, and shall judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its members.

S1-3. The president and president pro tempore, when

acting as presiding officer of the senate, shall vote as any other member of the senate.

S1-4. The president may name a senator to perform the duties of the chair, when the president pro tempore is not present in the senate chamber. The senator who is so named is vested during such time with all the powers of the president; but he does not lose the right to vote on any question while presiding.

S1-5. No senator shall speak more than twice on any one motion or question without unanimous consent of the senate, unless he has introduced or proposed the motion or question under debate, in which case he may speak twice and also close the debate. However, a senator who has spoken shall not speak again on the same motion or question to the exclusion of a senator who has not spoken.

S1-6. On order of business No. 8 -- In addition to other methods a recorded vote may be made in the following manner: the chair may call for a voice vote to accept or reject a question. If the vote is other than unanimous, the chair may ask that the lesser number on the question indicate their vote by standing. The secretary will then record the vote of those standing. The chair may then rule that unless excused those not standing and present have voted on the prevailing side of the question and that their vote be recorded as such. If there was a unanimous voice

1 vote, all those present will be recorded as having voted for
2 the question.

3 51-7. Only the following persons may be admitted to
4 the floor of the senate during sessions: legislators,
5 legislative officers and employees whose presence is
6 necessary for the conduct of the business of the session,
7 accredited members of the press, radio and television,
8 former legislators. The rules committee shall be allowed to
9 make exceptions for visiting dignitaries.

10 CHAPTER 4

11 Order of Business

12 54-1. On order of business No. 2 (reports of standing
13 committees), no debate shall be had on any report unless a
14 minority report or a report without recommendation has been
15 submitted. Any member seeking a reconsideration of the
16 senate's action on the adoption of a committee report shall
17 do so on order of business No. 6 by motion to reconsider.
18 Any member may make such motion and need not have voted on
19 the prevailing side. This rule shall apply notwithstanding
20 any joint rule to the contrary.

21 A bill reported from committee without recommendation
22 shall be ordered printed and placed on second reading.

23 CHAPTER 5

24 Motions

25 55-1. All proper motions on second reading are

1 debatable. If a motion to reconsider third reading action
2 on a bill or resolution is carried, there shall be no
3 further action on that bill or resolution until the
4 succeeding legislative day.

5 CHAPTER 7

6 Committees

7 57-1. The senate shall elect a committee on committees
8 consisting of 5 members, except when the senate is evenly
9 divided between parties, when the committee on committees
10 shall consist of 6 members, 3 from each party. The committee
11 on committees, with the approval of the senate, shall
12 appoint standing and select committees of the senate, and
13 senate membership on joint committees except conference
14 committees and special committees. The president shall
15 appoint all conference committees and special committees
16 with the advice of the majority and minority floor leaders.
17 The senate may change the membership of any committee on one
18 day's notice.

19 The standing committees of the senate are as follows:

20 1. Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation

21 2. Bills and Journal

22 3. Business and Industry

23 4. Education

24 5. Finance and Claims

25 6. Highways and Transportation

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1 before the next succeeding legislative day, except
2 nominations sent by the governor on the last legislative day
3 of the session, which shall be acted upon that day.

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