

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

INTRODUCED BY HANNAH

IN THE HOUSE

January 5, 1987

Introduced and referred to  
Committee on Rules.

January 6, 1987

Committee recommend resolution  
be adopted as amended. Report  
adopted.

Printing report.

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

Second reading, be adopted as  
amended.

Sent to enrolling.

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20 Speaker in the absence of that officer and on such other  
21 occasions as the Speaker may request.

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9 pass" or "indefinitely postpone" both fail on second  
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14 legislative officers and employees whose presence is  
15 necessary for the conduct of the business of the session;  
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17 former legislators. The Committee on Rules may make  
18 exceptions for visiting dignitaries.

19 CHAPTER 2  
20 Meetings, Quorums, and Attendance  
21 H2-1. Lobbying on the floor of the House of  
22 Representatives is prohibited.

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24 Committees  
25 H3-1. The standing committees of the House are as



1 follows:

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 9 Business No. 2.

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 20 recommended by the Committee on Rules, no House rule shall  
 21 be amended or adopted except by a two-thirds vote.

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 23 specified purpose by a two-thirds vote.

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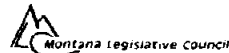
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SECOND READING



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