

January 13, 1971

The Committee on Rules and Journal met at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 12, 1971, in Room 522, to discuss and consider House Resolutions, temporarily numbered 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

The following were present:

Representative Nothern, Chairman, presiding
Representative Bowers, Vice Chairman
Representative Tobias, Member
Representative Gaines, Member
Representative Love, Member.

Chairman Nothern opened the meeting by stating that due to the urgency of House Resolution, temporarily number 24, it would be discussed first.

The Chairman asked the members to give the Resolution further thought and be prepared to discuss and act on the Resolution at a meeting to be held at 11:00, January 13, 1971, in Room 522; and another meeting at 1:30 p.m., January 13, 1971, same place.

House Resolution, temporarily numbered 23, is acceptable to the Committee.

House Resolution, temporarily numbered 25, was discussed next.

Representative Gaines suggested that there is a need to be able to get an officer if any difficulty arises. Should tie in with Capitol Security.

The Chairman designated Representative Gaines to check into this.

House Resolution, temporarily numbered 26:

Representative Gaines stated that the House does not maintain watchmen, and thought Capitol Security is responsible. The Chairman asked Representative to look into the matter.

House Resolution, temporarily numbered 27:

Representative Bowers suggested that there should be something printed to lay before members in the way of amendments recommended by committees, particularly quoting House Rule No. 40 on Page 2. The Chairman stated that the problem would be that majority would still decide what is to be germane.

The following suggestions for consideration by the Committee were made regarding the House Rules and Regulations:

Representative Gaines raised the question as to whether the following is proper:

Page 9, A, (d), Duties of Committee Chairman: "To Supervise and direct the clerical and other employees assigned to the committee."

(e) "To provide due notice of committee meeting agenda, etc., to committee members, sponsors of measures, and members of the public."

He suggested that they should provide due notice of any committee action.

Representative Gaines also made the following suggestions:

Agenda implies that notice on calendar is being given. Also, give exposition on what rules mean.

Representative Bowers added the following:

(h) Committee records should have standard format on minutes. Should all be in one place and need to make sure they are filed and available at all times.

Chairman Nothern asked Representative Bowers to follow through on this.

Also, the following suggestions were made:

Representative Gaines stated that suspension of rules should require 2/3 vote of the House.

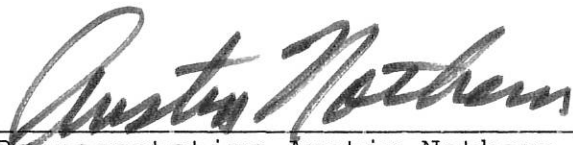
Representative Bowers recommended that the Committee investigate the constitutional requirements of recording the yeas and nays in the Journal as well as the names of the representatives voting.

Representative Gaines suggested that the Committee investigate entire set of rules and give consideration to consent calendar.

Representative Gaines suggested that a minority vice chairman be designated or nominated to serve as honorary member.

The Chairman announced that the next meetings would be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 13, 1971, in Room 522, and another at 1:30 p.m., same date, for further consideration and action on the above.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Representative Austin Nothern, Chairman
Dorothy Dreiling, Secretary

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