

January 14, 1971

The Committee on Rules and Journal met at 11:30 a.m., January 14, 1971, in Room 530.

The following were present:

Representative Nothern, Chairman, presiding
Representative Bower, Vice-Chairman
Representative Love, Member
Representative Gaines, Member
Representative Tobias, Member

Also present were:

Representative Harper
Representative Howard
Fred J. Carman, Revisor of Statutes.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. Carman passed out copies of Resolution relative to the Rules of the House of Representatives for 1971-1972 sessions, amending Rules 3 and 22 and providing for a Consent Calendar.

Discussed by members and comments made.

Chairman Nothern called on Representative Harper for his comments and suggestions. He commented on Consent Calendar and also about time to object to bills placed on Consent Calendar.

The question of time was discussed and motion made by Representative Bower, to make time two full legislative days instead of one day. Seconded by Representative Gaines. The motion carried.

The Chairman asked Mr. Carman to prepare copies of above Resolution ready for presentation on floor of the House Monday morning to give opportunity to all members to make recommendations. The Committee will act on it at a later meeting.

Further suggestions and comments by Representative Harper:

1. Representative Harper thought the rule requiring 2/3 vote to override committee recommendations and to move a bill up on the Calendar should be changed to a simple majority.

2. He asked for consideration of having a "call of the House" when we are in committee as a whole. Reason advanced was the committee as a whole has the power to kill a bill or substantially amend it. That is where the real changes are made and the fate of the bill determined, rather than on third reading. As a result people should be compelled to register their vote as an alternative. He proposed we absolve the committee and simply conduct all business formally before the House.

One reason advanced by others present why a call of the House should not be authorized during the committee as a whole is that none of the floor amendments are in writing and members cannot see them or have an opportunity to really know what they are voting on. Also, the bill may get so altered by amendments that it is difficult for members to understand the exact nature of what they are voting on and they need time for reflection before being compelled to make a recording vote.

3. Representative Harper recommended a rule be passed that relatives of members of the Legislature be not employed.
It was felt

It was felt by most members of the committee that proper jurisdiction of this question rested with the Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities. ;

The Chairman then called on Representative Howard for his recommendations and comments on Rules of the House. He suggested that some time in the future we should consider having a committee on committees, as the Senate does.

Mr. Carman will prepare amendments to House Resolution No. 1009 for distribution at the next meeting.

The Chairman stated that the next meeting of the Committee will be on Monday, January 18, 1971, immediately after adjournment of the House. There will also be another meeting in the afternoon of the same day.

Adjourned at 12:00 noon.



Representative Austin Nothern, Chairman

Dorothy Dreiling, Secretary

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Mr. Speaker:

Your committee on Rules and Journal

Recommends that House Resolution No. 1008

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"A RESOLUTION relating to the rules of the House of Representatives for the 1971-1972 sessions; Rule 7, admission to floor."

Be amended:

In line 9, by striking "temporary"; also, in line 9, by striking all after the semicolon and by striking all of line 10 and all of line 11 before the period and inserting in lieu thereof "(5) during those hours when the house of representatives is not sitting in formal session, those persons having a temporary one-time visit permit issued by the speaker or his designee and authorized by one of the members of the house of representatives";

And the resolution be adopted as amended.

Chairman

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

Your committee on Rules and Journal

Recommends that House Resolution No. 1007

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"A RESOLUTION relating to the rules of the House of Representatives
for the 1971-1972 session; Rule 17, Doorkeeper."

Be amended:

In line 7 before the word "The" by inserting the following:
"The doorkeeper and assistants shall see that no person is
admitted to the floor of the house, except as provided by rule
or special order."; also, in line 10 by striking all after the
period and by striking all of lines 11 and 12;

And the resolution be adopted as amended.

Chairman.

Mr. Speaker:
Your committee on Rules and Journal

Recommends that House Resolution No. 1006

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"A RESOLUTION relating to the rules of the House of Representatives
for the 1971-1972 sessions; Rule 16, Sergeant at Arms."

Be adopted.

Chairman

Mr. Speaker:

Your committee on Rules and Journal

Recommends that House Resolution No. 1005

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"A RESOLUTION relating to the rules of the House of Representatives
for the 1971-1972 sessions; Rule 18, Postmaster.

Be amended:

In line 7, by striking "is sealed, bearing" and insert in
lieu thereof "bears"; in line 8, by striking the word "stamp"; also
in line 8, by striking the word "sealed";

And the resolution be adopted as amended.

Chairman