

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Rules and Journal

Held in Room 510, at the Statehouse at 1:30 ~~a.m.~~/p.m., on  
February 2, 1976.

All members were present except: Hayes, Mikesic, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Rep. Bower Presided. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Mr. Arden Ensley, First Assistant Revisor of Statutes

The Committee considered the following items:

The minutes were read and approved.

The committee discussed the proposal to limit smoking in the House Chamber. Mr. Bower will introduce the resolution in the House on Tuesday, February 3, 1976.

The use of voting machines for taking divisions of the assembly was discussed. Mr. Ensley presented a draft which the committee had requested at the previous meeting. Mr. Bower raised the question of the wording, whether it should read the House, the assembly, or the committee of the whole. It was decided to insert the word assembly in place of the House. Mr. Slattery moved the committee approve the resolution, Mr. Tobias seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The committee discussed the question of closed votes in caucus for elections. Mr. Slattery raised the question of whether the rules of the House take precedence over the statutes. Mr. Ensley said it is unconstitutional to pass a statute to take away the right of the House to decide this question. Mr. Slattery raised the question whether election of party leadership is really an internal affair of the House. Mr. Ensley said that when sitting and acting as a party it is not really part of the House. He also said election of officers of the House is an internal function of the House. Mr. Ensley was instructed to prepare a proposal to present at the next meeting providing that selection of candidates for Speaker and Speaker pro tem and election of party leaders shall be by secret ballot.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on February 4, 1976  
at 1:45 ~~a.m.~~/p.m., in Room 510.

These minutes were read and approved  
by the Committee on February 4, 1976.

  
Chairman

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

By Committee on Rules and Journal

A RESOLUTION relating to the rules of the House of Representatives for the 1976 regular session.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That Rule 7 be amended to read as follows:

Rule 7.--Admission to Floor.--The following classes of persons and no others shall have admission to the floor of the house: (1) Members of the legislature; (2) officers and employees of the legislative branch who are properly identified; (3) reporters of the public press, actually employed, by card of admission from the speaker; (4) those persons having permits from the speaker; (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. No person other than members and employees shall be allowed to occupy the seat of any member in the house chamber between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. without the prior approval of the speaker. No person registered with the Secretary of State as a lobbyist may be on the floor of the house of representatives during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. nor at the time the house of representatives is in session. The sergeant at arms will remove all persons from the floor, save those excepted by the rules. No smoking shall be permitted in the house chamber during those hours in which the house is in session except in the north and south perimeter aisles. No employee shall lobby for or against any measure pending in the legislature and any employee violating this rule shall be forthwith discharged. Visitors shall be admitted to one or both galleries of the house in accordance with directions to the sergeant at arms from the speaker.