

Preparation  
of  
DAILY  
CALENDAR

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Mary Van Nimwegen

*House Rules Standing Com.*

*2/8/85 2:00p.m.*



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# Alaska State Legislature

## House of Representatives

### Committee on Rules

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MEMORANDUM

February 8, 1985

To: All Rules Committee Members

From: Rep. Mike W. Miller, Chairman  
House Rules Committee

Subject: Daily Calendar Preparation

We have been requested to use the same method the Senate uses for preparation of the daily calendar. After looking into the implications of this, I would like to continue with the same system which has served the House of Representatives for over twenty years. When we determined we were going to work towards a 120-day session limit, we were committed to looking for a more efficient operation and not towards adding unnecessary paperwork and time to our current system.

I would like to mention some of the implications involved in changing the calendaring process:

°This would require a lot more work by the people in the Clerk's Office. Besides the addition of more input into the journal, it would require a lot of other needless paperwork for them.

°It would add more work for my staff. Since these meetings would be held like a regular committee meeting, they would require taping and minutes would have to be taken. This would also involve the committee minute people putting all this onto the computer.

°We would all be required to meet at scheduled and unscheduled times in a formal fashion to sign committee reports which would then end up coming back to me to be calendared anyway. The Rules Committee has the power to override the Chairman at anytime, and because of this, I do not feel it would be necessary to meet on and sign committee reports just for the formality of the process.

°In many cases we would be signing committee reports for bills we do not even have in the Rules Committee. For instance, if something passes out of committee on Friday afternoon and doesn't get read across the floor, we would be signing committee reports which haven't been formally referred to Rules.

As you can see by the memo from Billy Berrier, Director of the Division of Legal Services, we are completely within our rights to continue to maintain our calendaring process for the House of Representatives in the fashion which it has been maintained in the past.

MWM/js

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1985

1. Call meeting to order, DATE (February 8, 1985) , AND TIME.
2. Note attendance and absences. (Members: Vice-Chairman Wallis, Grussendorf, Fuller, Davis, Martin and Pignalberi.)
3. AGENDA: Preparation of the Daily Calendar
4. The Committee Packets include:
  1. A memo from me explaining the current problem.
  2. A memo from Billy Berrier, Director of the Legal Services Division.

The reason we are having this meeting is that in order to continue our present calendaring process in the same manner which it has been maintained for over 20 years, it has become necessary for me to obtain the consent of the Rules Committee for delegation in the preparation of the daily calendar.

*Debate?*

Ask Jack or someone beforehand to state - I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE MOTION AT THIS TIME TO ASK CONSENT THAT THE DELEGATION OF PREPARATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR BE GIVEN TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, Mike W. Miller.

After this state: "all in favor" (Note verbally those in favor)  
"opposed" (Note verbally all opposed)

State whether motion carried or failed.

Further discussion.

Rules Committee meeting adjourned! (\*NOTE TIME ADJOURNED)

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M E M O R A N D U M

February 7, 1985

SUBJECT: Daily Calendar

TO: Representative Mike W. Miller  
Chair, House Rules Committee

FROM: Billy G. ~~Miller~~ Prier  
Director  
Division of Legal Services

You have asked whether in our opinion the Rules Committee may delegate the duty to prepare the daily calendar to the Committee chair.

In my opinion it may.

Rule 18 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature provides:

RULE 18. DAILY CALENDAR. The Rules Committee of each house is responsible for the preparation of the daily calendar. Pending the printing of the calendar the contents of the calendar shall be announced or posted on the day preceding the next legislative day. Changes to a calendar or approval of a supplementary calendar may be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the members present. No business shall be transacted nor any measure considered that is not on the calendar. A bill may not be withdrawn from the Rules Committee but the house may order a bill in the possession of the Rules Committee to be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day by a majority vote of the full membership of the house.

The phrase used in this Rule is "The Rules Committee. . . is responsible for preparation of the daily calendar." In my opinion this usage allows delegation. For a parallel example Rule 3 (b) provides "The Rules Committee . . . is responsible for the selection and direction of the session staff . . ." Specific directions to the staff under the

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general direction of the Rules Committee is always delegated.

Had there been an intent to require the committee itself to perform the function, language such as "The Rules Committee. . . shall prepare . . ." would have been appropriate.

This construction is in accordance with the implied construction by the House. It is my understanding that the calendar has been prepared routinely without formal approval by the committee for many sessions.

Therefore in my opinion both the wording of the Rules and the customary construction by the body allow delegation of the power to prepare the daily calendar.

BGB:ojb  
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