

MEETING

(1-21-87)

CALENDAR

PREPARATION

### 1987 Session Calendar

ACTIVITY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
OPERATING BUDGET					
1) Subcommittee Work					
2) Full Committee Close-Outs				April 5 -- April 19	[Day 77 - 91]
3) Pass House				April 22	[Day 94]
4) Conference Committee				April 29 - May 14	[Day 101 - 116]
CAPITAL AND LOANS BUDGET Pass House				April 24	[Day 96]
HOUSE PRIORITY BILLS TO SENATE Pass House				April 3 -- April 8	[Day 75-80]
ADJOURNMENT					May 18 [Day 120]



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## RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 1985

AGENDA: PREPARATION OF DAILY CALENDAR

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- I. Memo from Rules Chairman regarding Daily Calendar
- II. Memo from Billy Berrier, Director  
Division of Legal Services dated 2/7/85

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#### MEMORANDUM

January 20, 1987

To: All Rules Committee Members

From: Representative Mike Navarre, Chairman  
House Rules Committee

Subject: Daily Calendar Preparation

I am looking forward to serving with you on the House Rules Committee. I am confident that we can work together towards a productive legislative session.

The purpose of this meeting is to formally request that each of you vote to delegate the duty to prepare the daily calendar to the Rules Chairman. As you can see by the attached memo from Billy G. Berrier, the previous Director of the Division of Legal Services, it has been customary for the House of Representatives to operate in this manner towards calendar preparation.

I would like to follow the same calendaring system which has served the House of Representatives for over twenty years. Due to the current 120-day session limit, I feel it is even more important to continue to operate under this system.

Thank you for your support.

ATTACHMENT

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

February 7, 1985

SUBJECT: Daily Calendar

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

FROM: Billy G. ~~Miller~~ *Miller*  
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  
J11/063

January 20, 1987

Implications involved in changing previous 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 a lot 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 personnel putting all this information onto the computer.

^We would 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.

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