

Saturday, 30 January

MEMO TO JACK DOYLE

Re: Proposed changes to the Uniform Rules of the Legislature recommended jointly by the Committees on Rules of the House and Senate.

Jack, would you please prepare sufficient copies of the proposed changes for distribution to each member of both houses sometime Monday afternoon, with the possibility in mind for the joint session on Tuesday to adopt the proposed changes to the 1963 rules, and then adopt the amended rules as our permanent rules for the 30th Legislature.

It is requested that these rules with additions or deletions be written out in full, with new material underscored and deleted material placed in parentheses and capitalized (as in the preparation of a bill), so that the modification will be readily apparent. The rewritten paragraphs should be presented in their entirety also, of course.

The following specific changes have been made to the original draft of proposed changes presented to the Rules Committees:

Rule 18. The entire paragraph is to be deleted with the following paragraph substituted in lieu thereof:

"RULE 18. A call of the house is used to compel attendance of absent members who have not been previously excused from a call by a majority of the membership of the house. A call of the house may be ordered by one member. When no quorum is present, the presiding officer of the house may compel the attendance of individual absent members. If a quorum is present when a call has been ordered, the house may continue to conduct business other than the measure under consideration at the time the call was ordered. However, any member may also order a call of the house as to any other measure placed before the house for consideration after the original call has been ordered. A call is terminated by arrival of the absent members not previously excused from a call, or by a majority vote of the members present on a motion made by the member ordering the call to dispense with further proceedings under the call, which shall have the effect of withdrawing the call, or by a majority vote to adjourn."

RULE 20. ~~The proposed changes to the rule should be deleted.~~

RULE 30. ~~The proposed addition to the rule should be deleted.~~

RULE 31 d. ~~The first two sentences of the proposed change should be deleted and the following inserted in lieu thereof:~~

"The motion for reconsideration made on the next legislative day shall automatically place the question to be reconsidered again before the body and open such question for debate. However, when a motion is made that the reconsideration be taken up on the same day the notice of reconsideration is given, the question to be reconsidered shall be placed separately from the motion for reconsideration."

RULE 37. Paragraph b of the proposed rule should be amended to read as follows:

" b. Prepared bills are submitted to each house for formal introduction and first reading at the commencement of the first regular session on the day when the house is organized to the point where it has committee to receive bills, or on the first day of the second regular session. Prepared bills are read and referred to committee in advance of other bills.

RULE 45. ~~The first sentence of~~ the rule should be amended to read as follows:

" RULE 45. No bill or ~~joint~~ resolution other than one sponsored by a standing committee may be introduced after the thirty-fifth day of the second regular session of the Legislature. No bill or resolution other than one sponsored by a standing committee may be received in the other house after the forty-fifth day of any regular session."

RULE 48. ~~The first sentence of the new rule~~ should be amended to read as follows:

" Appointments by the Governor are made pursuant to AS 39.05.080."

When the rules are adopted, the cover sheet should indicate ~~adopted~~ the date of adoption and show adoption by the South Legislature, but not indicate the First Session.