

M I N U T E S

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

JANUARY 17, 1979

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Vergiels
Mr. Banner
Mrs. Hayes
Mr. Stewart
Mrs. Westall
Mr. Malone
Mrs. Wagner
Mr. Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Craddock

Chairman Vergiels called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. He asked that the members of the Committee look over the proposed Standing Rules of the Education Committee and asked if there were further suggestions regarding these rules. Mr. Banner suggested that a rule be added regarding the introduction of bills by the Committee indicating that this introduction would not imply commitment to support the favorable passage of the bill. Mr. Banner moved that a rule to that effect be added. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Westall and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Westall moved that the Rules be adopted as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Banner and carried unanimously.

Chairman Vergiels stated that, traditionally, in the Education Committee when there was a controversial bill passed through the Committee and it reached the floor of the Assembly, the proponents would speak on the issue on the floor first, and if the opponents wished to speak against the bill they would speak second. The Speaker would be so informed. If any other assemblyman on the floor tries to cut off any member of this committee or moves to the question, or tries to deprive any of the committee members from talking on an education bill of any kind, the Chairman will stand and oppose the move and the other assemblyman would have to fight the Committee as a group. This is so that no one can make a fool out of anyone on the Committee while they are talking on the floor and adds to the solidarity of the Committee.

So that the freshmen on the Committee can learn to work on the floor, they will handle the explanation of the bills when they

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come to the floor. When there is a very complex or emotional issue, the more experienced people on the Committee would handle the introductions in case of problems arising.

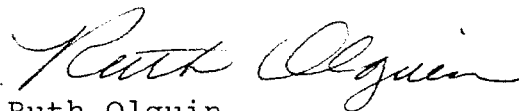
Chairman Vergiels mentioned some of the types of bills that this committee will be likely to handle during the coming session. He stated that, as a courtesy, the committee would introduce a bill that a member did not want his or her name on, even if it might be referred to another committee. This could also expedite the hearing of bills as they would be sent down immediately.

Chairman Vergiels referred several bills that will have Committee introduction to the members for their review. These bills came out of the interim studies. He said that anyone on the Committee who wanted to could introduce any of the bills, otherwise they will be Committee introductions. It was moved by Mr. Webb and seconded by Mr. Banner that these bills be Committee introductions except for any that individual members may want to introduce. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced that anyone wanting names added to the mailing list for education bills to inform the secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Olguin
Secretary

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

RULES

1979 SESSION

1. The secretary of the Committee shall call the roll at each meeting and record in the minutes the members present and the members not present. Excused absences will be so recorded.
2. A quorum consists of at least five (5) Committee members.
3. It will require at least a quorum to hear a bill, budget, or resolution.
4. It will require a simple majority (5) of the entire Committee to pass or reject a bill, budget, or resolution.
5. It will require a two-thirds majority (6) of all Committee members to reconsider an action on a bill, budget, or resolution.
6. Committee members, at all times, shall address the chair for permission to be heard. Witnesses before the Committee will address requests to testify to the chair and will be recognized only by the chair. When Chairman deems necessary, persons wishing to testify will be sworn in before testimony.
7. There will be no Committee action on bills or resolutions during a hearing. The Chairman shall be responsible for preparation of the Committee's agenda and will determine when final action is to be taken on bills and committee reports.
8. The secretary shall record the definite action of the Committee by roll call vote.
9. A minority report can be filed with the Chief Clerk at the same time the Committee action is reported. A minority report must be signed by all members of the Committee disagreeing with the Committee action who are present when the vote is taken. The members who desire to submit a minority report must so indicate in advance, to a quorum of the Committee.
10. Committee introduction requires concurrence of two-thirds (6) of the Committee and does not imply commitment to support favorable passage.