

MINUTES

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 16, 1979

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Sena
Vice Chairman Glover
Mr. Fitzpatrick
Mrs. Hayes
Mr. Polish
Mr. Prengaman
Mr. Stewart
Mrs. Wagner
Mrs. Westall

Chairman Sena called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. and presented proposed procedural rules which would govern the committee for the 1979 session. Each rule was read and discussed. The following action was taken by the committee:

Rule 1. A quorum consists of at least five (5) committee members.

Mr. Glover moved the adoption of Rule 1. Seconded by Mrs. Wagner and carried.

Rule 2. It will require at least a quorum to hear a bill.

Mr. Glover moved the adoption of Rule 2. Seconded by Mrs. Wagner and carried.

Rule 3. Action on a bill will require a majority vote of the entire committee.

Mr. Glover moved the adoption of Rule 3. Seconded by Mr. Polish and carried.

Rule 4. All motions shall require a second. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire committee will be required to reconsider an action on a bill.

Mr. Polish moved the adoption of Rule 4. Seconded by Mr. Glover and carried.

Rule 5. The committee members shall address the chair at all times for permission to be heard or to question the witnesses.

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Mr. Glover moved the adoption of Rule 5. Seconded by Mrs. Hayes and carried.

Rule 6. Committee bill introduction shall be by affirmative vote of six (6) members. Committee introduction does not imply a commitment on the part of any member to support the bill.

Mr. Stewart moved the adoption of Rule 6. Seconded by Mr. Polish and carried.

Rule 7. The secretary of the committee shall note at each meeting and record in the minutes the members present and the members absent.

Mr. Glover moved the adoption of Rule 7. Seconded by Mr. Polish and carried.

Rule 8. The secretary shall record the majority vote by the number of "aye" votes and the minority vote by the names of the members voting "no".

Mr. Stewart expressed the opinion that all votes should be recorded by name, and

Mr. Stewart moved that Rule 8 be amended to read, "The secretary shall record the majority vote by the names of the members voting "aye" and the minority vote by the names of the members voting "no". Seconded by Mr. Glover and carried.

Rule 9. When the Chairman is not present the Vice Chairman shall conduct the meeting.

Mr. Prengaman moved the adoption of Rule 9. Seconded by Mr. Glover and carried.

Rule 10. Any decision of the committee will not be made until all witnesses have been heard, questioned and dismissed. No vote shall be taken in the presence of any witness. The chairman shall determine when a final action is to be taken.

Mr. Stewart said he did not think the committee should have a rule stating it could not vote when witnesses were present inasmuch as witnesses have a right to be present.

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Mr. Stewart moved that Rule 10 be adopted after deleting the words, "No vote shall be taken in the presence of any witness." Seconded by Mrs. Hayes and carried.

Rule 11. Mason's Manual shall be followed in parliamentary matters.

Mrs. Wagner moved the adoption of Rule 11. Seconded by Mrs. Hayes and carried.

Rule 12. A minority report may be filed with the Chief Clerk at the same time as the committee action is reported. A minority report must be signed by all committee members filing such minority report.

Mrs. Hayes moved the adoption of Rule 12. Seconded by Mr. Polish and carried.

Mrs. Wagner asked if Chairman Sena had any procedure in mind in terms of taking action on bills as soon as possible. She commented on the problems encountered in prior sessions when a bill was not voted on for several months after it was heard. Chairman Sena said it was his intention to have the committee take action as soon as possible after a hearing.

In response to a question by Mr. Prengaman, Chairman Sena said the committee did not require that witnesses be sworn in but this procedure could be initiated if any difficulties were encountered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne
Assembly Attache