

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

JANUARY 16, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 1979, in Room 213. Chairman Norman Glaser was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Chairman Norman Glaser
Vice-Chairman Floyd Lamb
Senator William Raggio
Senator Don Ashworth
Senator Mike Sloan
Senator Jim Kosinski

Fiscal Analyst, Ed Shorr

ABSENT: Senator Carl Dodge

The meeting was opened by Chairman Glaser. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to go over the standing rules of the Senate Taxation Committee. Chairman Glaser read the proposed rules one section at a time. (See Exhibit "A" for the amended and accepted Rules)

Discussion on the Rules:

On Section II.c., "Require minutes to be kept, and presented at the following meeting", Chairman Glaser suggested that the wording after "kept" be deleted because it was too much of a burden to expect the secretary to present the minutes from one meeting to the next. Senators Kosinski and Ashworth expressed concern regarding the ability to have minutes for referral if no guidelines were set for the secretary. Senator Lamb said that the secretary understood that the minutes were to be out as soon as possible, and made the following motion:

Senator Lamb: Motion that the wording "as soon as possible" be added after "kept," on Section II.c.

Senator Sloan: Second the Motion.

The Motion carried.

On Section IV.a., Senator Lamb felt that the wording "of which at least one(1) must be from the minority party" was not necessary. Senator Raggio stated that he also didn't have a problem with deleting that wording.

Senator Lamb: Motion that the wording "of which at least one(1) must be from the minority party." be stricken from Section IV.a. of the Rules.

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Senator Raggio: Second the Motion.

The Motion carried.

On Section IV.d., the Senators discussed the possibility of number of members present for reconsideration of previous action to be changed from "four(4)" as stated in the proposed Rules, to five(5) members present. Senator Lamb said that five members present are required in Senate Finance. Senator Raggio said that the reason for 'five(5)' is that it is more fair to allow a majority for the presentation but still require five for actual reconsideration.

Senator Lamb: Motion to change the number of members required for reconsideration of previous actions from "four(4)" to "five(5)" in Section IV.d.

Senator Raggio: Second the Motion.

The Motion carried.

Chairman Glaser read all the rest of the Rules. Senator Raggio expressed concern about stating that the Committee will have "open" meetings and yet voting is done after witnesses have been questioned and dismissed. Senator Lamb said that he felt each member would vote with a clearer conscience if they were able to vote with only the Committee members present. Senator Raggio asked how that can be enforced if the meeting is "open"? Chairman Glaser said that he felt the witnesses could be questioned, dismissed and then the Committee proceed to the next subject and vote towards the end of the meeting, or possibly at the beginning of the next meeting, and if the witnesses are still present, they of course will be allowed to hear the voting process. Senator Raggio agreed with that approach. Senator Kosinski said that he also had no problem with that approach because the disposition of the bill is not published as the consideration of the bill is on the agendas.

Chairman Glaser asked for further discussion. There was none, so the Chairman entertained a motion for approval of the Rules as amended.

Senator Lamb: Motion that the Standing Rules for the Committee on Taxation be accepted as amended, (See Exhibit "A").

Senator Raggio: Second the Motion.

The Motion carried.

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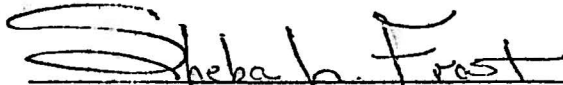
Chairman Glaser asked if 1:30 p.m. was a good time for beginning the meetings? After some discussion, the Committee decided that 2:00 p.m. would be better.

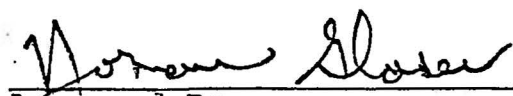
Senator Lamb asked how the Committee members felt about sitting down and going over the BDR's before they are introduced in order to eliminate introduction of a Bill that probably will not be passed. Senator Raggio said if there is an understanding that all taxation bills will be considered by the Committee and passed out as a composite bill rather than individually, then this will be a good approach. Chairman Glaser said that he felt the Committee will be producing a series of composite bills that will be introduced consecutively. Senator Lamb said that as a courtesy, it would not be correct to combine these bills without referring to the author of the bill. Senator Kosinski said that it can be done mechanically, but he also agreed that perhaps this would be discourteous. Senator Ashworth asked how this can be done at all? Senator Lamb said that each bill can be amended, and Mr. Frank Daykin of the Legislative Counsel Bureau can re-write them into one composite, and it will still retain the introducer's name and the original number of the bill. Chairman Glaser added that amendments are much faster than requesting an entire new bill.

Senator Ashworth asked the secretary in regards to when she will have the minutes available as he was still concerned about a possible backlog. The secretary, Sheba Frost, responded that she could have them ready for approval every Thursday, and also said that the minutes are called for by the Chairman. Senator Raggio also explained that the secretary could extract exact portions of the minutes if so requested by individual Committee members.

Chairman Glaser introduced Ed Shorr of the Fiscal Analysis Office for the Counsel Bureau to the members.

The meeting was dismissed at 1:55 p.m.


Respectfully Submitted By:
Sheba L. Frost, Secretary


Approved By:
Senator Norman Glaser, Chairman

STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE
60TH SESSION, 1979

- I. The authority and procedures of the Committee are determined by:
 - a. Constitution of the State of Nevada;
 - b. Nevada Revised Statutes;
 - c. Standing rules of the Nevada Senate;
 - d. Standing rules of the Senate Taxation Committee; and
 - e. Mason's Manual of Parliamentary Procedure.

- II. Duties of the Chairman:
 - a. Prepare the agenda;
 - b. Call Committee together;
 - c. Require minutes to be kept, and presented as soon as possible;
 - d. Prepare Committee reports;
 - e. Appoint Sub-Committees, as needed; and
 - f. Any member of the Committee may request an item on the agenda by contacting the Committee Chairman one (1) day ahead of the Committee meeting.

- III. Duties of the Vice-Chairman:
 - a. In the absence or at the discretion of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall conduct the meetings of the Committee.

- IV. Committee Action:
 - a. A quorum shall consist of at least four(4) members.
 - b. A quorum must be present to hear a bill or resolution.
 - c. A simple majority of the Committee can pass or reject a bill or resolution.
 - d. In order to reconsider previous actions taken, an affirmative vote of five(5) members of the Committee will be required. However, a majority present may allow the hearing of new evidence or information which would be pertinent to the determination of whether or not a matter or an action should be reconsidered.
 - e. Attendance shall be recorded.
 - f. "NO" votes shall be recorded.
 - g. Committee members shall address the Chair to gain the floor.
 - h. The Chairman shall determine when a final action is to be taken after witnesses have been questioned and dismissed.
 - i. Committee introduction requires concurrence of four(4) members of the Committee and does not imply commitment or support of the bill or resolution.
 - j. No smoking in the Committee room.
 - k. Recesses shall be at the call of the Chair.
 - l. Minority reports may be filed as per Mason's Manual, Section 677; and, must be requested at the time a bill or resolution is reported out of Committee and the minority report to be filed with the Secretary of the Senate must be individually signed by each member requesting it.

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IV. Committee Action (Cont.):

m. All meetings shall be open to the public and media.

*****UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTICED, MEETINGS OF THE SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE SHALL BE HELD TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 2:00 P.M. IN ROOM 213.