

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
Meeting: Wednesday, January 27, 1971
10:00 A.M., Room 238, State Capitol

Quorum present as follows:

Senators Holmquist, Chairman	Larson, L. W.
Anderson, E. J.	McCarty
Bergerud	Ogdahl
Blatz	Olson, J. L.
Hansen, Mel	Popham
Hughes, K. F.	Sinclair
Josefson	Ukkelberg
Krieger	

Also present:

George G. Goodwin, Secretary of the Senate
H. Blair Klein, Senate Counsel

Re-referrals
Rule 35

S. F. 107

Coleman,
Anderson, J. T.,
Hansen, Baldy

A bill for an act relating to attorneys at law; to and of law examiners, membership; providing for removal or suspension of attorneys at law by board of law examiners; appropriating money for the administration thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Sections 481.01 and 481.15.

Reference: Civil Administration
Reference questioned by: Senator Dosland

Because of Senator Dosland's illness and absence from the meeting, S. F. No. 107 was laid over for further consideration.

S. F. 183

Hansen, Mel,
Parish,
Hughes, J. M.

A bill for an act relating to the powers and duties of the board of directors of trusts of the city of Duluth in the establishment, administration, management, maintenance, improvement, and financing of city hospitals; amending Laws 1969, Chapter 224, Section 3.

SENATOR HANSEN, MEL: This bill clarifies the language on pensions and retirement so far as PERA. They have elected to go contrary to the Attorney General's opinion and have set up their own plan, toss out PERA. Logically this bill belongs in Pensions and Retirement.

SENATOR HANSEN MOVED S. F. No. 183 be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement. MOTION PREVAILED.

S. F. 185

Hughes, J. M.
Blatz,
Borden

A bill for an act relating to private business, trade and correspondence schools; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Sections 141.25, Subdivisions 7 and 9; 141.26, by adding a subdivision; and 141.27, Subdivisions 1 and 3.

SENATOR BLATZ: My first thought was this bill should go to the Committee on General Legislation.

SENATOR KRIEGER: All trade school bills have gone to Education. I believe the objection was as to whether or not it should go to Education or Higher Education. We should establish a precedent as to where this type of legislation is to go.

SENATOR KRIEGER MOVED S. F. No. 185 be referred to the Committee on Higher Education. MOTION PREVAILED.

PER DIEM
RESOLUTION

The Chairman reported he had had conversation with the House leadership relative to this resolution. He had also discussed the matter with Senator Coleman. No definite determination had been made up to this time. There had been discussion about allowing additional mileage, 9¢ per mile for not to exceed 10 round trips.

SENATE
COUNSEL
STAFF

CHAIRMAN HOLMQUIST: In our employee resolution we allowed for the employment of three additional research people. We separated one of those positions because this person was to be assigned to taxes only. This is Mr. Agnew who is assistant to the Tax Committee employed at \$40 per day. He knows June 1st his employment is terminated. In

the Steering Committee when we created the other positions, we created them with the idea they would terminate June 1st also, but somehow or other our communication was not good and Senate Counsel, in employing Mr. Watson and Mr. Ellefson, had indicated the fringe benefits that accrue to permanent employees would be theirs. These people accepted the job on that basis, but allowing the fringe benefits does not indicate they are to be employed after June 1st because we can terminate any employee at any time. It would be my suggestion inasmuch as they were employed with that understanding we clarify the situation and allow it.

SENATOR POPHAM: It would be my feeling all Assistant Senate Counsels should get the same fringe benefits.

Mr. Goodwin pointed out some difficulties involved in carrying out this suggestion, commenting that the resolution authorizing him to designate "permanent" employees of the Senate ceases to exist the first day of a legislative session.

After discussion the Chairman said the general feeling was these fringe benefits should be allowed, and that Mr. Klein and Mr. Goodwin should get together and work out the mechanics.

ELECTRONIC
NEWS MEDIA

CHAIRMAN HOLMQUIST: We should make a decision on how to handle electronic news media. The main question is what are we going to do with TV.

It appeared to be the consensus the Committee did not have enough information to make a decision at this time.

Mr. Goodwin pointed out there was not enough space to accommodate all members of the Press and electronic news media on the Chamber floor. It was suggested the first row of seats could be taken out of the west gallery and a place made for the Press. There was discussion relative to the advantageous and disadvantageous of allowing the electronic news media access to the floor during the course of which it was suggested the Chairman appoint a subcommittee, among other things, to:

1. Look into the question of how many legislatures have electronic news media in the Chamber.
2. Determine whether or not a trial proceedings should be implemented before a definite decision is made.
3. Ascertain if the media can function by having their cameras in a less obvious place in the balcony.

4. Determine the pluses as well as the liabilities.

SENATOR SINCLAIR MOVED the Chairman appoint a subcommittee of five to look into this matter and report back on policy implications. MOTION PREVAILED.

Rule 54 CHAIRMAN HOLMQUIST: Senate Counsel has called my attention to the fact that the Committee on Elections and Reapportionment in carrying out their work might need the use of Rule 54. I would like your reaction.

SENATOR HUGHES: It transfers the constitutional power of subpoena down to the Committee which we may or may not need. I would say this we don't know at this point whether we will need it or not -- it is a possibility. If we need it, we are probably a week or ten days away from needing it and that goes to the question of whether or not we will have permanent rules adopted at that point. If you want to wait a week there is no harm done.


Rule 53 CHAIRMAN HOLMQUIST: Senator Popham called my attention to Rule 53 which has been excepted in the temporary rules. This is the one that has to do with changing the committee structure. This makes it clear that changes can be made only upon the recommendation of the Committee on Committees. The only motion I know that is coming up is the Coleman motion and that isn't going to be discussed until after the matter is disposed of so maybe we can hold off a while on these two.

EDUCATIONAL
FILM

Mr. Klein advised the film makers were prepared to proceed on or about February 15th with their filming. It should not take more than two weeks. Mr. Klein instructed them to be in here with their equipment, cameras, lights etc., as soon as possible, inasmuch as after the first of March it would be more and more inconvenient each day they are here. Mr. Klein further commented: "For two weeks there is going to be a rather concentrated activity, annoying, bothersome and everything else. I only beg your indulgence. Basically, they will be shooting action on the Senate floor, committee meetings and a variety of other activities. I expect the staged committee proceedings will be in the evening."

Chairman Holmquist indicated at the next meeting of the Committee the following matters would have to be disposed of:

1. Flahaven Matter
2. Resolution re Per Diem

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY W. HOLMQUIST, Chairman
Committee on Rules and
Administration

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