

Tape Logs of Debates on Opening Prayer  
Transcript of Feb 23, 2000 debate

**Minnesota House of Representatives  
Tape Proceedings House Floor Session  
February 23, 2000**

Begin Tape Counter 3186

Representative Michael Paymar:

I'm a little surprised at the Majority Leader for bringing this change of rules to this body today. This is a short legislative session. We have pressing items that we should be debating. And now this is the second time that members of your caucus have brought this to the body to consume more time, more energy, talking about what kind of prayer we should have to start each session. Rep. Leppik, I thought gave a really a beautiful speech last time this was brought up, explaining the reason and the purpose for the language that we currently have in rules, that allows for non-denominational prayer that respects the religious diversity of the House. And how anyone could support the notion of deleting, striking that language out of the rules that respects the religious diversity of the House is beyond me. So not only am I concerned about the time that this is going to take away from the busy work when we should have been doing Minnesota's work, but I'm concerned about the intent behind it. Because it was only last year. . . Mr. Speaker, I can't hear. . . It was only last year, Mr. Speaker and Members that I remember Rep. Lindner getting up before the House and saying to this body that the Christian religion is the majority in this House, that the Christian religion is the majority of this House so why can't we have the kind of prayers we want in this body? Now is that your intent? I know that that is not in your heart to be disrespectful of those members who aren't Christians, Rep. Lindner and others who are going to support this rule change, but it is disrespectful. It is highly disrespectful. You are imposing your own religious beliefs on the rest of this body and the minority members here. Minority religious members here, in my view. I know that's not in your hearts and I know what your intent is, but I have expressed to you before how this makes certain members feel who are not Christians. Now I know that some of you have Christian prayers throughout the week. I get them on my e-mail. You invite people to your fellowships. Fine, do it. Do it whenever you want. Do it before Session starts if you feel like you want to have prayer before the House starts its deliberations. But I would like to be part of that moment where a religious leader gets up before us and has a prayer. But I would like that to be non-denominational and I would like it to be respectful of who I am. And I think this is disrespectful. I would hope the body would reject the Majority Leader's position, we vote down this rule change.

Tape Counter 3372

Representative Arlon Lindner:

Rep. Paymar, I don't know for sure what you're talking about. If you're talking about wasting time, did you sit there and listen to Rep. Kahn waste all that time just a few minutes ago? I think prayer is very important. You know we're told there's one God and one mediator between God and man. The man Christ Jesus. And most of us here are Christians. And we shouldn't be left, not able to pray in the name of our God when we have an opportunity to pray. That's disrespectful of the Majority's rights. Now if you don't want to be here for prayer, as the Speaker has said before, this isn't mandatory, the prayer happens before session begins. And I don't know why you're looking at me all this time, you know while you're talking. I'm very happy this is coming back up and I think all we're doing is putting the order of the day, the order

for prayer and the way we do prayer back like it was for hundreds of years before this session. And if you don't like it, you may have to like it. Or just don't come. I don't come sometimes for some prayers here. There's some groups that pray in here that I stay out of the room. We have that privilege. And you need to exercise it. But don't impose your irreligious left views on me.

**Tape Counter 3454**

**Representative Barb Haake:**

Members, I don't know about the rest of you, but I really don't care what God everybody prays to. They're all praying to one God. And as far as I'm concerned, I need all the help I can get. I really appreciate the prayers from everybody's God. Thank you.

**Tape Counter 3473**

**Representative Betty McCollum:**

Thank you Mr. Speaker and Members. I'm going to vote against it for a couple of reasons. The paramount one is that the two times this has been discussed on the floor, it was within the way the Rules of the House are adopted. And its more than a simple majority. And I voted against this amendment in the Rule Committee. What we've done here is we've said, 'OK, there's a majority who would like the prayer to be conducted in a certain way. And we can't win when it's a simple majority. So we'll amend the rules going through the rules committee, where simple majority can win.' And the reason why we have a higher standard for adopting the rules as we do in the first weeks of session, is so that the minority is heard. And we lost that in the way that the rules are adopted. And that's why I voted against it in the rules committee. I'm very concerned about the tenor of discussion. I'm a Christian, I'm a Catholic. And I'm not here trying to out-Christian anybody else. And when I want to pray a Catholic Creed, I do it at church. And I enjoy the fellowship of the many denominations in this hall. And I enjoy the fellowship of praying together when everybody feels included. And the comments just don't come. Well, you know, if you just don't come for the prayer, you just don't get to say the Pledge of Allegiance either. Because the doors are closed for that. So Members, I would encourage you not to vote for this amendment. And Rep. Paymar, one of my favorite religious songs is, "They know we are Christians by our Love".

**Tape Counter 3570**

**Representative Matt Entenza:**

Mr. Speaker I think the issue today is whether or not we're going to show the respect that the present rule has. And Rep. Lindner, I hope that perhaps you want to rethink the last remark that you made. We have members in this body who come from different religious traditions. And to suggest that someone who comes from the Jewish tradition, a tradition that we should all certainly honor, that somehow is an irreligious one, suggests to me that it is very important to vote against this motion from the rules committee.

**Tape Counter 3580**

**Representative Wes Skoglund:**

Mr. Speaker will Rep. Lindner yield to a question? Did I hear you say, 'Don't impose your irreligious views on me?' Is that your quote to Rep. Paymar? Mr. Speaker, apparently I'm not speaking loudly enough. Rep. Lindner, did you say 'Don't impose your irreligious views on me?' to Rep. Paymar?

Tape Counter 3587

Representative Arlon Lindner:

It was something like that.

Tape Counter 3580

Representative Wes Skoglund:

Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm embarrassed, quite frankly for what Rep. Lindner said. And as a Christian, who does Bible devotions almost every night with his family, I apologize to you, because most of us don't feel that way, Rep. Paymar. I apologize, I'm embarrassed on behalf of we Christians.

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: Mr. H. H. St. Lawrence

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: 9 - Day 9

CHAIR: Mr. Steve Haggard

SIDE: A

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DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

0100 (12:02)

• Mr. Haggard - House comes to Order

0130

• Prayer - Chaplain for today - Annie Titus

0240

• Pledge of Allegiance

0278

• Clerk takes roll

0740

• Clerk closes roll

0782

• Clerk reads Journal of preceding day

0800

• Rep. Anderson moves reading be suspended - motion prevails

0830

• Reports of Standing Committee - reports adopted

0852

• 2nd reading House files

0870

• Intro to bills -

0888

• 1st reading H 2418 - 2423

0910

• Messages from Senate H 1905 (insurance)

0992

• Rep. Siefert - explanation H 1905

1104

• H 1905 - motion prevails (Mr. Haggard)

1224

• H 1905 - reading

• Clerk closes roll  
Note:

Year 120 Day 9  
Bill re-passed and amended by Senate

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE:

Mark HF 1st Leg Session

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC:

- 5th Dist

CHAIR:

Sp. Steve Haggard

SIDE:

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DATE:

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

HF 2380 - pending

Rep Leppik - HF 2380 -  
explanation

Note - Motion prevails

OC: HF 15 - Refuse to  
Concur

Rep Clark - Pt of Procedure

Rep Kiskucki - HF 15 -  
explanation - Refuse to concur

Rep Falkner - HF 15 -  
Concur with Senate -

Notes no or refusal

Rep Oskopp - Refuse to concur

Rep Bobrowski - Refuse to  
concur

Rep Johnson - Note to refuse  
to concur

Rep Kiskucki - Rep. roll  
call - 15 hands

Clark taking roll

Clark taking roll

Note: Yes 117 No 13  
Motion prevails

HF 1202 - Proceed to  
request Conference Committee

Rep Goodno - Language  
problem - HF 1202

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: Univ. Hk. Dist. L. & Justice

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: - 57th Dist

CHAIR: Sp. Steve Higgins

SIDE: A/B

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

1850

1860

1890

1910

1936

1964

2045

2032

2050

2074

2095

2938

2914

2836

- Note - motion prevails
- S4 383 - Chelov -  
accede to conf com
- Rep Chelov - S4 383 -  
Res conf committee
- Rep Carruthers - Helpful  
to know what bill in state
- Sp. Higgins - Let members  
know what bill in #
- Note - motion prevails
- S4 2221 - reads -  
accede to conf com
- Rep Procker - S4 2221 -  
wishes to go to conf
- Note - motion prevails
- Fiscal calendar - H4  
2333 for immediate consideration
- CC reports bill 2333
- Rep Seagren - H4 2333 -  
explanation of article -  
author's amendment offered
- CC - Amendment reading
- Rep Seagren - Amendment  
explains then clarifying  
work study etc (# 119-12)
- Rep Santorum - req to be  
excused from other bills'  
discussion - H4 2333 -  
conflict of interest.

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: Unit 111 81st Legislature

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: 51st Div

CHAIR: Sp. State Attorney

SIDE: B

PAGE: 4

DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

- = Sp. Bureau Amendment adopted
- Rep. Tommasini -
- Rep. McElroy - Amendment making professional education
- Rep. Seagren - accepts McElroy amendment
- McElroy amendment adopted
- Rep. Leppik - A-5
- Rep. Opatz moves to amend Leppik amendment
- Rep. Opatz - amendment to amend most explanation
- Rep. Opatz - rep. call call - 15 hands
- Rep. Reuter - Rep. Opatz yields
- Rep. Opatz - Addresses fundamental language
- Rep. Reuter - Rep. Leppik yields
- Rep. Leppik
- Rep. Johnson - Rep. Leppik yields
- Rep. Leppik -
- Rep. Johnson - Interrupted
- Rep. Reuter
- Rep. Seibert - Against Opatz amendment.



TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: Mar 111 Get Leggum

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: - 5th Div

CHAIR: Mr. Steve Leggum

SIDE: B

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

2046

2012

1964

1919

1833

1774

1725

1704

1599

1587

1474

1419

1340

1302

• Rep. Opatz - De. amend. moved

• Rep. Seifert - Note down

• Rep. Terasowski - Note up

• Rep. Leppik -

• Clerk will take roll

(Opatz amend. to Leppik amend.)

• Clerk closes roll

Note: Year 60 May 17

Motion does not prevail -

(Opatz amend. to Leppik amend.)

• Rep. Entenza - rep. roll

Roll - 15 hands

• Clerk will take roll

• Clerk closes roll

Note: Year 80 May 17

Amendment A8-5 passed -

Leppik amend. to A7-2333

• AC: A7-4 amendment - reads

• Rep. Kielbucki's explanation of <sup>amendment</sup>

• Rep. Entenza - supports

Kielbucki's amendment

• Rep. Davis - rep. roll

Roll - 15 hands

• Clerk takes roll

• Clerk closes roll

Note: Year 138 May 18

A7-4 Amendment is

adopted to A7-2333

TAPE: 1/2

COMMITTEE: House of Representatives

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: 5th District

CHAIR: Rep. Steve Hoggan

SIDE: B/A

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DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

1270

Rep. Mess - deferring amendment to H4 2333

1250

Rep. Entenza - amendment H-10 - explanation - to H4 2333 - roll call req - 15 hands

0996

Rep. Haas - huge vote no

0732

Rep. Seagren - votes against Rep. Entenza amendment

1632

Rep. Carlson - speaks for Entenza amendment

0438

Rep. Burnett

0355

Rep. Peterson - vote for

0316

Rep. Seagren - vote against

0166

Rep. Johnson - vote to reinstate dates

(Rep. 2, Side A)

0147

Rep. Myers -

0325

Rep. Grilling - supports Entenza amendment

1368

Clerk takes roll

1426

Clerk takes roll

Note: H4 2333 H4 2336-7 amendment H-10 is not adopted

0512

Rep. Trimble - Print of procedure

0652

Rep. Mess Amendment A28 - Clerk reads

TAPE: 2

COMMITTEE: Mark III Stet Leg Service

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Sp. Steve Higgins

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

0684

• Rep Mess - Amendment  
A280 explanation

0778

• Rep Salberg - Rep Mess yields

0810

• Rep Mess

0848

• Motion adopted

0864

• Deputy amendment <sup>A278</sup> pending

0880

• Rep Opatz - explanation of  
amendment A278

0958

• Rep Seagrass - Supporting  
Opatz amendment

1030

• Rep Seiling - give more date  
requests roll call - 15 hands

1234

• Rep Carlson - Report this amendment  
- vote no

1300

• Rep Seifert - Rep Opatz  
yields

1338

• Rep Opatz -

1396

• Rep Seifert

1422

• Rep Opatz

1456

• Rep Seifert - no vote

1512

• Rep Seifert

1550

• Rep Johnson - vote received

• Clerk takes roll

• Clerk closes roll

1638

Note: Page 5 Page 124  
A278 amendment not adopted  
(172333)

• CC - Rep Falkner amendment  
- read

TAPE: 2

COMMITTEE: Mass Hk 1st Leg Session

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: Stat Law

CHAIR: Sp. Steve Higgins

SIDE: A

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REVOLUTIONS:

1648

1672

1804

1780

1818

2235

2323

2343

2432

2437

2464

2482

2553

2555

2558

2555

2645

2753

2817

2845

2940

LOG:

• Rep Fallard - Call of House  
- 10 hands

• Clerk takes roll.

• Clerk closes roll.

Note: (pass) (pass)

• Rep Abrams - Sergeant brings  
in absent members.

• Rep Fallard - School  
order amendment.

• Roll call requested - Rep Fallard

• Rep Goodno - Rep Fallard yields

• Rep Fallard -

• Rep Goodno

• Rep Fallard

• Rep Goodno

• Rep Fallard

• Rep Goodno

• Rep Fallard

• Rep Goodno

• Rep Knize - Rep Knize yields

• Rep Knize

• Rep Knize

• Rep Fallard

• Rep Knize

• Rep Fallard

• Rep Knize

• Rep Payman - vote for

TAPE: 2

COMMITTEE: Dist. Legis. Committee

START TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: 5th Dist. Rep.

CHAIR: Rep. Steve Saggum

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

2977  
3037  
3059  
3208  
3255  
3274  
3346  
3377  
3382  
3466  
3454  
3505  
3549  
3462  
3383  
3511  
3210  
313-1  
3079  
3031  
2947

• Rep. Senter -  
• Rep. Follard - yields  
• Rep. Thers - ~~unannounced~~  
Advice to speaker  
• Rep. Chandhary - advice to the  
speaker  
• Rep. Senter - ~~Rep. Saggum~~ -  
Pt of order not well taken.  
- Rep. Mares  
• Rep. Follard  
Clerk - reads Kullucki  
amendment to amendment  
• Rep. Kullucki  
• Rep. Davids - supports  
• Rep. Senter - requests roll call  
• Rep. McElhinney -  
• Rep. Saggum - vote against  
• CC takes roll  
• CC closes roll  
• ~~Roll call~~ - ~~Rep. Saggum~~ - ~~vote~~ 107  
• ~~amendment~~ - ~~Rep. Saggum~~ - ~~vote~~  
• Roll call  
• Rep. Hauer  
• Rep. Kullucki  
• Rep. Skoog  
• Rep. Follard  
• Rep. Saggum  
• Rep. Thers

TAPE: 2

COMMITTEE: 1st Reg Session

START TIME: 13:00

DIVISION/SUBC: 5th Reg

CHAIR: Sp. Steve Higgins

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REVOLUTIONS:

2784  
2753  
2742  
2650  
2607  
2581  
2658  
2490  
2466  
2437  
2355  
2327 2306

2273  
2254  
2195  
2162  
2111  
2091  
2082  
2013  
2017  
2006  
1963  
1947

LOG:

- Rep Pugh
- Rep Turner
- Rep Pugh
- Rep Skoglund
- Rep Ozment
- Rep Solberg
- Rep Follard
- Rep Haas
- Rep Follard
- Rep Seagren
- CC takes roll
- CC closes roll
- vote year 62 next 70
- amendment A14 second portion -
- not adopted
- Rep Follard - <sup>amendment</sup> amendment
- Rep Mader - A282
- Rep Seagren
- amendment adopted
- A9-1 Tim Cassell
- Rep Cassell
- Rep Seagren
- Rep Cassell - <sup>amendment</sup> amendment
- Rep Seagren
- Rep Cassell
- Rep Seagren
- Rep Cassell
- Rep Seagren

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COMMITTEE: House HP Sub Committee

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: - Staff Brief

CHAIR: Sp. Steve Saggart

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

1884

• Rep Cassell

1870

• Rep Ertzenza

1775

• Rep Cassell

1749

• Rep Sengason

1672

• Rep Ertzenza

1631

• Rep Ness

1598

• Rep Dempsey

1497

• Rep Grilling

1477

• Rep Cassell yields

1417

• Rep Grilling

1313

• Rep Cassell

1291

• amendment adopted

1264

CC - A223

1252

• Rep Rader - requests roll call

1201

CC takes roll

1089

CC closes roll

notes - pages 113 - page 18

amendment A223 adopted

1053

CC - formal amendment 194-3585

1032

• Rep Thompson - requests roll call

0849

• Rep Thompson - requests roll call

0805

• Rep Rader

0745

• Rep Thompson

0657

• Rep Ness

0654

• Rep Dunn

0617

• Rep Ertzenza

0603

• Rep Wolf

0525

CC takes roll

TAPE: 3

COMMITTEE: Miss HP Stet

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: - Stet. Day

CHAIR: Sp. Stet

SIDE: Al

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

0523

check closer call

0527

vote yeas 66 nays 66  
unanimous H99-0585 not adopted

0572

\* Rep Malmon - requests <sup>members be</sup> excused from voting

0625

\* Rep Olson - H9-15 - requests roll call

0777

\* Rep Johnson - requests division of 1st 8

0739

\* Rep Johnson - moves division

0840

\* Rep Gooden

0899

\* Rep Johnson - moves division

1046

\* Rep Olson - supports 1st part

1097

\* Rep Grubling

1176

\* Rep Olson

1246

\* Rep Grubling

1395

\* Rep Olson

1439

\* Rep McCallum

1536

\* Rep Olson

1561

\* Rep McCallum

1669

\* Rep Senguen

17-

\* Rep Johnson

17-

CC - inter call

17-

CC - inter call

17-

CC - inter call

1797

unanimous H99-0585 not adopted

1845

\* Rep Ortiz - unanimous

1877

\* Rep Johnson - address for speaker

1875

\* Rep Senguen - address for speaker

1914

\* Rep Ortiz - unanimous

CC - inter call



TAPE:

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COMMITTEE:

M-1 R 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg Session

START TIME:

12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC:

51<sup>st</sup> day

CHAIR:

Rep Seagren

SIDE:

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DATE:

4-20-97

REVOLUTIONS:

1976

2015

2022

2194

2292

2318

2374

2460

2819

2925

2993

3009

3020

3124

3147

3151

3233

3255

3298

3327

3355

LOG:

CC closes roll

Vote year 103 pages 28

amendment A9-15 2<sup>nd</sup> motion - adopted - motion prevails

CC reports amendment A11

• Rep Entenza - A11

• Rep Seagren

• Rep Entenza

• Rep Seagren

• Rep Carlson

• Rep Entenza - ~~amendment~~ correction

- Correction has been non-pointed

• Rep Abeler

• CC takes the roll

CC closes roll

Votes year 65 pages 66

amendment A-11 - not adopted

CC reads amendment A94-0586

• Rep briefing requests roll call

• Rep Wilt

• Rep Abeler

• Rep briefing

• Rep Wilt

CC takes roll

CC closes roll

Vote year 67 pages 71

amendment A99-0586 not adopted

• Rep Schumacher A99-0583

• Rep Tuma - not germane

TAPE: 3

COMMITTEE: MTU HR 31st Leg Session

START TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: 51st day

CHAIR: Sp Steve Swiggum

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DATE: 4-26-99

REVOLUTIONS:

3397

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3463

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LOG:

- Rep Entenza - advice for speaker
- Rep McElroy - advice for speaker
- Rep Entenza - advice
- Rep Luma -
- Rep Solberg - advice for speaker

- Rep McElroy - advice for speaker
- Rep Schumacher - advice speaker
- Rep Pugh - advice
- Rep Knobloch - advice
- Rep Bishop -
- Rep Pugh -

- Rep Bishop - (Advice)
- Rep Entenza - (Advice)
- Rep Abrams - Rule 4.03, HR #7, 099-0583 point of order

- Rep Schumacher - (Speaker's ruling of speaker - request roll call vote)

- Rep Abrams
- Clerk with roll call
- Clerk closes roll
- Note: Year 273 May 58

- Clerk will call absent members
- Rep Pugh - Those not voting be excused -

- Rep Abrams - motion does not prevail - Clerk continues to call absent members

- Rep Abrams - (Rolling out. Members 11. 6. 11.)

TAPE: 3

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Alf St. Laurent

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC:

5th Dist

CHAIR:

Mr. St. Laurent

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

3896

3882

3816

3806

2651

2594

2568

2548

2518

2424

2331

2259

2224

2119

2088

2050

1994

1924

1832

1740

- OC: Biernat amendment
- Rep Biernat - A-15
- Amendment - motion
- does not prevail -
- amendment is not adopted
- OC: Tragenius amendment - read
- Rep Tragenius - Rep
- roll call vote - 15 hands
- Amendment A-5
- Rep Kunkie - Rep Tragenius
- speaks
- Rep Tragenius -
- Rep Kunkie - Rep Tragenius
- speaks
- Rep Tragenius
- Rep Kunkie
- Rep Tragenius
- Rep Kunkie
- Rep Mares
- Rep Johnson
- Rep Gleason - vote against
- Rep Kutterby - Libelity
- issue
- Rep Tragenius
- Rep Kutterby
- Rep Tragenius - vote against
- Rep McCullum - vote for
- Rep Tragenius

TAPE: 5

COMMITTEE: Mr. Alf Stetson

START TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: - 57th St

CHAIR: Mr. Stetson

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REVOLUTIONS:

1704

1588

1558

1544

1533

1468

1441

1418

1299

1247

1186

0912

0845

0830

0820

0500

0478

0460

0444

0331

LOG:

- Clerk takes roll
- Clerk closes roll
- Note: That 15 May 66 Amendment A-5 is not adopted.
- CC: Rep Johnson Amendment
- Rep Johnson - 199-0582
- Rep Seifert - Rule 4.03, Subd. 6
- Rep Johnson - Advice 4.03, pp 17, 18
- Rep Seifert
- Rep Halberg - Advice - 4.03 in entirety (read)
- Rep McElroy - Advice
- Rep Tuma - Advice
- Rep Entenza - Advice
- Rep Mariani - Advice
- Rep Seifert
- Rep Mariani - Advice
- Rep Bishop - Advice - pp 17
- Rep Halberg - Advice
- Rep Seifert
- Rep Halberg
- Rep Pugh - Advice
- Rep Seifert - Rule that Seifert pt - of - order is well taken.

TAPE: 3/4 COMMITTEE: House OK Stat Leg. Service  
START TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: - Stat. Serv.  
CHAIR: Sp. Hulse-Huggins  
SIDE: B/A  
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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG: Sp. Huggins:  
• Rep. Johnson - roll call vote  
• Rep. Johnson - Appeal  
to 4.03 rule  
• Rep. Estenroza - roll call vote -  
pt of order should not be  
will taken - advice  
• Rep. Turner - advice  
• Sp. Huggins - Shall  
Speaker's ruling prevail?  
• Rep. Skoglund  
• Rep. McElroy - Advice -  
uphold ruling of Speaker  
• Rep. Tolberg - Advice -  
• Rep. Bishop - Advice -  
Spec. Revenue Fd - Amendment  
offered has to come from  
spec. revenues.  
• Sp. Huggins  
• Clerk takes roll  
• Clerk closes roll  
• Notes: Hearings May 6  
• Rep. Thomas - Those  
who have signed petition  
Speaker's ruling sustained  
• CC: Burnett  
• Rep. Burnett - CC - Amendment  
- explanation - roll call  
- 15 hands

0312  
0258  
0060  
Sp. Hulse  
0405  
0062  
0118  
0212  
0290  
0500  
0579  
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0758

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COMMITTEE: Mini HK Spt Leg. Session

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: - 57th Dist

CHAIR: Sp. Hon. Sargun

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0859

• Rep. Sargun - Note against amendment 12-9

0944

• Clerk takes roll

1089

• Clerk closes roll

1068

Note: Year 55 May 74

• Rep. Seefert makes absent member be excused

• Motion does not prevail & amendment is not adopted

1134

AC: ~~Rep. O'Tromba~~ O'Tromba amendment

1152

• Rep. O'Tromba - 12-8 amendment

Rep. roll call - 15 hands

• Rep. Sargun - could add to bill - supports

1231

• Rep. Mariani - Rose - had amendment

1449

• Rep. Caruthers - Rep. O'Tromba yields

1456

• Rep. O'Tromba -

1540

• Rep. Caruthers 2'

1548

• Rep. O'Tromba

1638

• Rep. Caruthers 2'

1646

• Rep. O'Tromba

1740

• Rep. Clark - Rep. O'Tromba yields - no to amendment

1832

• Rep. O'Tromba

1877

• Rep. Clark

1922

• Rep. O'Tromba

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COMMITTEE: Mini HR Stat. Legislation

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: - 51st Div

CHAIR: Sp. Steve Suggan

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

1955

• Rep. Skoglund -

2000

• Rep. O'Trumba

2050

• Sp. Suggan: Clerk takes roll

2130

• Clerk closes roll

Note: Year 82 Days 46  
Amendment A2-8 is adopted.

2114

• Rep. Abrams moves those  
present in voting - carried.

2166

• OC - Freiling amendment

2179

• Rep. Freiling - Rep. roll  
call - amendment A300

2243

• Rep. Bishop - Rep. Freiling  
yield

2270

• Rep. Freiling

2284

• Rep. Bishop - Rep. Abrams  
yield

2300

• Rep. Abrams

2355

• Rep. Bishop

2408

• Rep. Abrams

2416

• Rep. Freiling -

2416.2

• Rep. Freiling - Advice  
- advice - pt. order -

2416.2

• Rep. Freiling - Advice

2549

• Rep. Salberg - Advice

2664

• Rep. Salberg - Advice

2638

• Rep. Tomassoni - Advice

2718

• Sp. Suggan - Rules point  
of order will taken

TAPE: 4COMMITTEE: House of RepresentativesSTART TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: CHAIR: Mr. Steve DugganSIDE: APAGE: 20DATE: April 26, 1949

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

2725

• Rep. Keating - Appeals  
ruling of Speaker -  
request roll call

2740

• Rep. Brown moves to lay  
on table appeal - roll  
call req.

2770

• Rep. Hugh - Parliamentary  
inquiry

2808

• Mr. Duggan - Motion on  
table not debatable.

2832

• Clerk takes roll

• Clerk closes roll

Note: Yeas 68 Nays 62  
App appeal on table -

2900

• C.C. Burnett amendment

2909

• Rep. Burnett - Oral  
amendment to Q5-11

2987

• Rep. Sweeney - no prob in  
accepting amendment

3056

• Rep. Keating - Language

3102

• Rep. Burnett -

3135

• Rep. Keating - not against

3163

• Rep. Ness - Rep. Burnett yields

3196

• Rep. Burnett -

3208

• Rep. Ness

3218

• Rep. Burnett -

3268

• Rep. Ness

3304

• Rep. Burnett -

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COMMITTEE: Mr. HP Stetson

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CHAIR: Sp. Stetson

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3340

• Rep. Mares - reports amendment

3362

• Rep. Bierat -

3392

• Bierat 15-11 - Amendment - motion prevails - amendment adopted

3402

• CC: Born Amendment 270

3488

• Rep. Born - amendment - explanation #270

3527

• Rep. Moss - encourages red vote

3546

• Rep. Born

• Sp. Stetson - Motion prevails - amendment adopted - discussion requested

3575

• Tape 4, Side B

3584

• 1st Year, 1st Year -

3583

• Motion doesn't prevail, amendment not adopted

3585

• Rep. Madellon - Madellon B.

3586

• Rep. Triunphi - 1st of Pers. Priv

3591

• Rep. Madellon

• Rep. Taber - Amendment: CC

3596

• Rep. Taber - Amendment

292 explanation

3627

• Rep. Kieckucki - opposes Taber amendment

3696

• Rep. Kahn - Rep. Kieckucki yield

3710

• Rep. Kieckucki - opposes amendment

• Rep. Kahn - language -

TAPE: 4

COMMITTEE: Mr. H. P. St. Lawrence

START TIME: 12:00 PM

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CHAIR: Sp. H. H. Higgins

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2984

• Rep. Tomassoni - Motion to  
divide amendment -  
between lines 3 & 4 -  
looks desirable - no vote  
1st pt, yes vote 2nd part

2940

• Sp. Higgins  
• Rep. Kielucki

2917

• Rep. Kahn -  
• Sp. Higgins - 1st part of Labor  
amendment not adopted

2841

• Rep. Seagrass

2799

• Rep. Tomassoni - yes vote  
• 2nd pt roll call - Clerk  
takes roll

2739

• Clerk closes roll  
Vote: Year 63 May 66  
Amendment 292, 2nd portion

2751

• Rep. Abrams motioned that  
not proceed be i cause  
• Amendment not adopted

275

• cc: Kukavica amendment

275

• Rep. Kukavica - Amendment  
274 - explanation

2595

• Rep. Maroz

2525

• Rep. Kukavica -

2443

• Rep. Murphy

2439

• Rep. Kukavica

2380

• Rep. Murphy



TAPE: 4

COMMITTEE: Wm H. Heston

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CHAIR: Mr. Heston

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• Rep. Bush -

0217

• Rep. Carlson - Rep. Seagren  
fields

0336

• Rep. Seagren

0356

• Rep. Carlson

0430

• Rep. Seagren

0540

• Rep. Carlson

0538

• Rep. Seagren

0626

• Rep. Carlson

0696

• Rep. Seagren

0866

• Rep. Erickson - supports

0948

• Rep. Anderson (D) - Rep.  
Seagren fields

1

• Rep. Seagren -

1010

• Rep. Anderson

1138

• Rep. Seagren

1051

• Rep. Anderson

1067

• Rep. Seagren / Rep. Anderson

1166

• Rep. Seagren

1244

Best sound

1542

• Rep. Seagren

1890

• Rep. Heston - Property

1930

Tax increase - wrong / there  
is reform

1986

• Rep. Seagren - Not yes

1986

• Rep. Anderson -

1986

• Rep. Seagren

1986

• Rep. Anderson

TAPE: 5COMMITTEE: Mr. H. P. StetsonSTART TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: - 5th. Div.CHAIR: Sp. Attn. HigginsSIDE: APAGE: 25DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

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• Rep. Morris - Note green

• Rep. Nass

• Clerk taking roll

• Clerk closes roll

Note: Year 90 May 240

H4 2333 is passed as

amended, the title as

agreed to -

• Rep. Abrams - Motion

Call of House, he lifted <sup>motion</sup> <sub>proced</sub>

• Rep. Bishop -

• Rep. Cuthbert

• Rep. Halston

• CC: Messages from Senate

• CC: 1st reading of S7's

• Conf. Com. Repts: CC

• Rep. Cuthbert

• Motion to adopt -

• 2nd reading H4 270

• Clerk taking roll

• Clerk closes roll

Note: Year 157 May 240

H4 276 passed

• Calendar for Aug -

Sp. Sanctions

• House kept Speakers' CC

• Motions &amp; resolutions

TAPE: 5

COMMITTEE: Chair HP 8th Leg Assembly

START TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: 5th Day

CHAIR: for Steve Haggum

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

2688

• Rep McCullum - HP #6

2868

• Vote - Motion prevail - HP #6 passed

2889

• Rep Reuter - Call of House rep - 10 hands - roll call

2931

• Rep Lawler - Sergeant bring in absent members

2955

• Clerk closes roll

2974

• Rep Entenza -

• Rep Reuter - Roll call vote - 15 hands

3062

• Rep Erhardt - How many votes required?

3098

• for Haggum - 90 votes

• Rep Erhardt - Motion to take amendment to perma rules - roll call req -

3125

• Clerk will take roll

• Clerk will close roll

Vote: Yes 57 No 42

Supper table - motion to

3174

• Rep Lawler - Motion to adjourn

3196

• Rep Lawler - Motion members be excused from voting - motion fails

3228

• Rep Lawler - Motion members be excused - motion prevails - Clerk will close roll.

TAPE: 5

COMMITTEE:

Panel 1111 St. L. Session

START TIME: 12:00 PM

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- 5th Day

CHAIR:

Sp. Stok. Higgins

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

3360

• Rep. Reuter - Amendment to Rules

3370

• Rep. Lamm

3338

• Rep. Killeucki - Supports

Reuter amendment to Rules

3410

• Rep. McCallum

3477

• Rep. Kahn

3500

• Rep. Lindner

3525

• Rep. Pugh - Rule 124 Mason:

Pt. of Order

3572

• Sp. Higgins - Pt. of Order, not well

• Rep. Lindner

(8:36)

Tape 5 - Side B

3547

• Rep. Leppit

3473

• Rep. Anderson - Rep. roll  
roll

3460

• Rep. Bishop - Rep. divide  
amendment - Lines 6 & 7 -  
note 1st and line 6

3350

• Note: Line 6 denominating  
men - denominational

3328

• Rep. Lamm

3148

• Rep. Halberg - Supports

3176

• Rep. Killeucki

3165

• Rep. Pugh - Note against  
both pts of amendment

3048

• Roll call - Clerk takes

3000

• Clerk closes roll

Note: Year 73 Page 53  
Amendment to Rules 1st  
portion

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COMMITTEE: Mr. HR Stet Leg. Sec.

START TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: - 5th Dist

CHAIR: Sp. Steve Ferguson

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3010

Rep Pawlenty on

3956

Clark takes roll on 2nd  
portion of amendment

2926

Vote: 50 Yeas 71 Nays

Rep Pawlenty moves  
- motion prevails

2882

2nd pt not adopted  
Rep Pawlenty - moves  
House be adjourned -  
motion prevails

2848 (8:52)

Rep Pawlenty - moves  
House be now adjourned  
- motion prevails - adjourned



TAPE: 213

COMMITTEE: Panel HP Post Leg. Services

START TIME: 12:00 Noon

DIVISION/SUBC: - Staff Group

CHAIR: Sp. Steve Siggerson

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1749  
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0202  
0325

• Rep Cassell  
• Rep Entenza  
• Rep Cassell  
• Rep Searles  
• Rep Entenza  
• Rep Moss  
• Rep Dempsey  
• Rep Grilling  
• Rep Cassell yields  
• Rep Grilling  
• Rep Cassell  
• amendment adopted  
CC - A223  
• Rep Butler - requests roll call  
CC takes roll  
CC closes roll  
votes - yeas 113 nays 18  
amendment A223 adopted  
CC - formal amendment A94-1585  
Rep Thompson - requests roll call  
• Rep Thompson  
• Rep [unclear]  
• Rep Thompson  
• Rep [unclear]  
• Rep [unclear]  
• Rep [unclear]  
CC takes roll

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COMMITTEE:

Mr. HP West

START TIME: 12:00 PM

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- 5th Div

CHAIR:

for State, Meggner

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0523

check closer roll

0527

note year 66 pages 66

0572

unmarked 499-0585 not adopted

0625

\* Rep M. L. - requests <sup>members be</sup> excused from voting

0777

\* Rep Olson - 49-15 - requests roll call

0739

\* Rep Johnson - requests division of 1st 8

0840

\* Rep Johnson - moves division

0899

\* Rep Goodhue

1046

\* Rep Johnson - moves division

1047

\* Rep Olson - supports 1st part

1176

\* Rep Goodhue

1246

\* Rep Olson

1345

\* Rep Goodhue

1439

\* Rep Olson

1536

\* Rep McCallum

1541

\* Rep Olson

1669

\* Rep McCallum

17

\* Rep Senguen

\* Rep Johnson

CC take roll

CC take roll

CC - year 41

unmarked 49-15 requests roll call

1747

\* Rep Ortiz - unmarked

1845

\* Rep Johnson - advice for speaker

1877

\* Rep Senguen - advice for speaker

1875

\* Rep Ortiz - unmarked roll

1914

CC take roll

TAPE:

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COMMITTEE:

M-LR 31st Reg Session

START TIME:

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DIVISION/SUBC:

51st day

CHAIR:

Rep Seagren

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REVOLUTIONS:

1976

2015

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2194

2292

2318

2374

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2819

2925

2993

3009

3020

3124

3147

3151

3233

3253

3298

3327

3355

LOG:

CC closes roll

Vote year 103 pages 28  
amendment A9-15 2<sup>nd</sup> motion - adopted - motion prevails

CC reports amendment A11

• Rep Entenza - A11

• Rep Seagren

• Rep Entenza

• Rep Seagren

• Rep Carlson

• Rep Entenza - ~~correction~~ amendment correction

- Correction has been non-adopted

• Rep Abeler

• CC takes the roll

CC closes roll

Votes year 65 pages 66  
amendment A-11 - not adopted

CC reads amendment A99-0586

• Rep Bricking - requests roll call

• Rep W. H.

• Rep Abeler

• Rep Bricking

• Rep W. H.

CC takes roll

CC closes roll

Vote year 67 pages 71

amendment A99-0586 not adopted

• Rep Schumacher A99-0583

• Rep Tuma - not germane

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COMMITTEE: MTN HR 31st Leg Session

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CHAIR: SP Steve Swiggum

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3315

3274

3184

3077

3048

3032

2918

2976

2952

CMTETAPE.LOG

LOG:

- Rep Entenza - advice for speaker
- Rep McElroy - advice for speaker
- Rep Entenza - advice
- Rep Puma -
- Rep Solberg - advice for speaker

- Rep McElroy - advice for speaker
- Rep Schumacher - advice speaker
- Rep Pugh - advice
- Rep Knobloch - advice
- Rep Bishop -
- Rep Pugh -

• Rep Bishop - Advice

• Rep Entenza - Advice

• Rep Abrams - Rule 4.03, HR #7, 299-0583 print of order

• Rep Schumacher - Oppen's ruling of speaker - request roll call vote

• Rep Abrams

• Clerk will take roll

• Clerk closes roll

Note: Year 273 May 58

• Clerk will call absent members

• Rep Pugh - Those not voting be excused -

• Rep Abrams - motion does not prevail - Clerk continues to call absent members.

• Rep Abrams - Roll call of members - Roll call.

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COMMITTEE: Wm. H. H. St. Leger

START TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: 51st. Hall

CHAIR: For. St. Leger

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3816

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2651

2594

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2424

2331

2259

2224

2119

2188

2150

1994

1924

1832

1740

- OC: Biernat amendment
- Rep Biernat - A1-15
- Amendment - motion
- does not prevail -
- amendment is not adopted
- OC: Tragenius amendment - red.
- Rep Tragenius - Rep
- roll call vote - 15 hands
- Amendment A-5
- Rep Kunkie - Rep Tragenius
- spills
- Rep Tragenius -
- Rep Kunkie - Rep Tragenius
- spills
- Rep Tragenius
- Rep Kunkie
- Rep Tragenius
- Rep Kunkie
- Rep Mares
- Rep Johnson
- Rep. Glasco - vote against
- Rep. Kutter - L. H. L. L. L.
- issue
- Rep Tragenius
- Rep. Kutter
- Rep. Tragenius - vote against
- Rep. McCallum - vote for
- Rep Tragenius

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COMMITTEE:

M.H. H. Flat Leg Services

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- 5th St. Draft

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Sp. Steve Suggs

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1299  
1247  
1186  
0912  
0845  
0830  
0826  
0580  
0478  
0460  
0444  
0331

• Clerk takes roll  
• Clerk closes roll  
• Note: Year 65 May 66  
Amendment A-5 is not  
adopted.  
• CC: Rep Johnson Amendment  
• Rep Johnson - 09-0582  
• Rep Seifert - Rule 4.03,  
Subd. C  
• Rep Johnson - Advice  
4.03, pp 17, 18  
• Rep Seifert  
• Rep Halberg - Advice -  
4.03 in entirety (read)  
• Rep McElroy - Advice  
• Rep Turner - Advice  
• Rep Entenza - Advice  
• Rep Mariani - Para - Advice  
• Sp. Suggs  
• Rep Mariani - Para - Advice  
• Rep Pichot - Advice - pp 17  
• Rep Halberg - Advice  
• Sp. Suggs  
• Rep Halberg  
• Rep Pugh - Advice  
• Sp. Suggs - Rules  
that Seifert pt - of - ord -  
is well taken.

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COMMITTEE:

H. H. Stetson

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57th Stetson

CHAIR:

H. H. Stetson

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0272

0258

0060

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H. H. Stetson

Rep. Johnson - roll call vote

Rep. Johnson - Appeal to 4.03 rule

Rep. Esten - roll call vote - pt of order, shld not be well taken - advice

Rep. Turner - advice

H. Stetson - Shall Speaker's ruling prevail?

Rep. Skoglund

Rep. McElroy - Advice - uphold ruling of Speaker

Rep. Tolberg - Advice -

Rep. Bishop - Advice -

Rep. Korman - Advice - referred has to come from spec revenues

H. Stetson

Clock takes roll

Clock closes roll

Notes: Hearst's May 16

Rep. Johnson - those absent, shld not participate - Speaker's ruling sustained

CC: Burnett

Rep. Burnett - 12-9 amendment - explanation - roll call

15 hands

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COMMITTEE: Mini HK 8th Leg Session

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DIVISION/SUBC: - 57th Day

CHAIR: Sp. Hon. Agueron

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LOG:

0859

• Rep. Seager - vote against amendment 42-9

0994

• Clerk takes roll

1089

• Clerk closes roll

1068

Vote: Yeas 55 Nays 74

1134

• Rep. Seager makes absent members be excused

1152

• Motion does not prevail & amendment is not adopted

AC: ~~Seager~~ O'Tromba amendment

1231

• Rep. O'Tromba - 12-8 amendment

1449

Rep. roll call - 15 hands

1486

• Rep. Seager - could add to bill - supports

1540

• Rep. Mariani - Rosa - had amendment

1548

• Rep. Carruthers - Rep. O'Tromba yields

1638

• Rep. O'Tromba -

1696

• Rep. Carruthers 2

1760

• Rep. O'Tromba

1832

• Rep. Carruthers 2

1877

• Rep. O'Tromba - Rep. O'Tromba yields - no to amendment

1922

• Rep. O'Tromba

• Rep. Clark

• Rep. O'Tromba



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COMMITTEE:

Mini HP Stat. Session

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CHAIR:

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1955

• Rep. Hoglund -

2000

• Rep. O'Tomaba

2050

• Sp. Haggan: Clerk takes roll

2130

• Clerk closes roll

Note: Year 82 Waps 46

Amendment A2-1 is adopted.

2114

• Rep. Abrams makes those

present in voting - carried.

2166

• CC - Trailing amendment

2179

• Rep. Trailing - Rep. roll

call - amendment A300

2243

• Rep. Bishop - Rep. Trailing

yield

2270

• Rep. Trailing

2284

• Rep. Bishop - Rep. Abrams

yield

2300

• Rep. Abrams

2355

• Rep. Bishop

2408

• Rep. Abrams

2416

• Rep. Pugh -

246.2

• Rep. Knutson - Pub. S.C. -

Notice - pt. 1 -

246.2

• Rep. Trailing - Advice

2549

• Rep. Salberg - Advice

• Rep. Abrams -

2604

• Rep. Salberg - Advice

2638

• Rep. Tomassoni - Advice

2718

• Sp. Haggan - Rules point

of order will taken

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COMMITTEE:

Mark H. Stet. Leg. J

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Sp. Steve Siggum

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2725

Rep. Kailung - Appeals  
ruling of Speaker -  
request roll call

2740

Rep. Brown - moves to lay  
on table appeal - roll  
call req

2770

Rep. Flygh - Parliamentary  
inquiry

2808

Sp. Siggum - Motion on  
Table not debatable.

2832

Clark takes roll

Clark closes roll

Note: Yes 568 Nay 62  
App appeal on table -

2900

Cl. Biernat amendment

2909

Rep. Biernat - Oral  
amendment to A5-11

2987

Rep. Siggum - no prob in  
accepting amendment

3056

Rep. Opaty - Language

3102

Rep. Biernat -

3135

Rep. Opaty - not against

3163

Rep. Ness - Rep. Biernat yields

3196

Rep. Biernat -

3208

Rep. Ness

3218

Rep. Biernat -

3268

Rep. Ness

3304

Rep. Biernat -

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LOG:

- Rep. Mares - supports amendment
- Rep. Bierat -
- Bierat 15-11 = Amendment - motion prevails - amendment adopted
- CC: Amendment 270
- Rep. Bierat - amendment - explanation #270
- Rep. Mares - encourages red vote
- Rep. Darr
- Sp. Higgins - Motion prevails - amendment adopted - discussion requested
- Tape 4, Side B
- 61 Year, 64 Year - Motion doesn't prevail, amendment not adopted
- Rep. Madellon - Madellon B.
- Rep. Trimble - Pt. of Pers. Fair
- Rep. Madellon
- Rep. Kahn - amendment: 10
- Rep. Kahn - amendment - explanation
- Rep. Kielucki - opposes Kahn amendment
- Rep. Kahn - Rep. Kielucki yield
- Rep. Kielucki - opposes amendment
- Rep. Kahn - language -

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COMMITTEE: Mr. HP St. Legasse

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CHAIR: Sp. H. Higgins

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LOG:

2984

• Rep. Tomassoni - Motion to divide amendment - between lines 3 & 4 - looks desirable - no vote 1st pt, yes vote 2nd part

2940

• Sp. Higgins  
• Rep. Kielucki

2917

• Rep. Labin -  
• Sp. Higgins - 1st part of Labin amendment not adopted

2841

• Rep. Seagrass

2799

• Rep. Tomassoni - yes vote  
• 2nd pt roll call - Clerk takes roll

2739

• Clerk closes roll  
Vote: Year 63 May 66 Amendment 292, 2nd part

2751

• Rep. Thomas motioned there not present be i cause  
• Amendment not adopted

275

cc: Kukavica amendment

275

• Rep. Kukavica - Amendment 274 - explanation

2595

• Rep. Maroz

2525

• Rep. Kukavica -

2443

• Rep. Murphy

2429

• Rep. Kukavica

2380

• Rep. Murphy

TAPE: 4COMMITTEE: Wm. H. H. Stat. Sec. SessionSTART TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: - Stat. Sec. 5CHAIR: Sp. State, HigginsSIDE: BPAGE: 23DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

2345230422822276213619321832172216501602146414001292130312501240105908150656046203260177

CHTETAPE.LOG

• Rep. Kukawina

• Kukawina amendment is not adopted - motion did not prevail

• C. C. Hargel amendment

• Rep. Hargel - Roll call vote - Amendment 49-S explanation

• Rep. Wolf - Rep. Entenza yield

• Rep. Entenza -

• Rep. Cassell - vote no to amendment

• Rep. Seagrove - piece in opposition

• Rep. Pugh - supports amendment

• Rep. Hargel

• Rep. Wolf

• Clerk takes roll

• Clerk places roll

Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 03

Amendment 49-S is not

• Rep. Abramson moves absent members be excused - motion prevails

• 3rd reading - 11/4 3333

• Rep. Entenza - 11/4 3333

• Rep. Johnson - Bill

bill misleading

• Rep. Thompson -

• Rep. Folliard

• Rep. Bradley

• Rep. Cassell - supports bill

• Rep. Hargel - supports bill



TAPE: 5

COMMITTEE: Mr. HP Stetson

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: 51st Dist

CHAIR: Mr. Stetson

SIDE: A

PAGE: 25

DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

2018

2098

2135

2196

2236

2250

2300

2311

2350

2448

2491

2520

2536

2556

2601

2618

2662

• Rep Morris - Mr. Green

• Rep Moss

• Clerk takes roll

• Clerk closes roll

Vote: Year 90 May 240

H4 2333 is passed as

amended, the title as

agreed to -

• Rep Abrams - Mr. Green

Call of House, he lifted <sup>note</sup> <sub>prev</sub>

• Rep Bishop

• Rep Osthoff

• Rep Holston

• CC: Messages from Senate

• CC: 1st reading of SF

• Conf Com Repts: CC

• Rep Osthoff

• Motion to adopt -

• 2nd reading H4 270

• Clerk takes roll

• Clerk closes roll

Vote: Year 1511 May 240

H4 276 Rep. Green

• Calendar for Day -

for San Antonio

• House kept Speakers' CC

• Motions & resolutions

TAPE: 5

COMMITTEE: Wm. H. H. Stet. Leg. Assoc.

START TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: - 5th Day

CHAIR: Sp. Steve Haggum

SIDE: A

PAGE: 26

DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

2688

• Rep McCollum - HR #6

2868

• Vote - Motion prevail - HR #6 passed

2889

• Rep Reuter - Call of House reg - 10 hands - roll call

2931

• Rep Pawlenty - Sergeant bring in absent members

2955

• Clerk closes roll

2974

• Rep Estemiza -

3062

• Rep Reuter - Roll call vote - 15 hands

3098

• Rep Erhardt - How many votes required?

3125

• Sp. Haggum - 90 votes

• Rep Erhardt - Motion to take amendment to per se rules - roll call reg -

3174

• Clerk will take roll

• Clerk will close roll

Vote: Yeas 57 Nays 69

Amendment tabled - motion does not prevail

3196

• Rep Pawlenty - Motion all absentees

• Rep Pawlenty - Motion

members be excused from voting - motion fails

3238

• Rep Pawlenty - Motion

members be excused -

motion prevails - Clerk

will close roll.



TAPE: 5

COMMITTEE: Mont. HR Stat. Revision

START TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: - Stat. Draft

CHAIR: Sp. Hark. Higgins

SIDE: A/B

PAGE: 27

DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

3360

• Rep. Reuter - Amendment to Rules

3370

• Rep. Tamm

3338

• Rep. Killucki - Supports  
Reuter amendment to Rules

3410

• Rep. McCollum

3477

• Rep. Kahn

3500

• Rep. Lindner

3525

• Rep. Pugh - Rule 124 Mason.  
Pt. of Order

3572

• Sp. Higgins - Pt. of Order, not well  
taken

(8136)

Tape 5 - Side B

3547

• Rep. Lepik

3473

• Rep. Anderson - Roll  
call

3460

• Rep. Bishop - Rep. divide  
amendment - Lines 6 & 7 -  
note 1st on line 6

3350

• Note: Line 6 clarifying  
m-71 - permissive

3328

• Rep. Davis -

3248

• Rep. Hattberg - Supports

3176

• Rep. Kuebler

3165

• Rep. Pugh - Note against  
both pts of amendment.

3048

• Roll call - Clark takes

3000

• Clark closes roll

Note: Lines 73 Tape 53  
Amendment to Rules 1st  
portion

TAPE: 5

COMMITTEE: Mr. HR Stetson

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: - 5th Dist

CHAIR: Sp. Steve Haggan

SIDE: B

PAGE: 28

DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

3010

Rep Pawlenty m

2956

Clark takes roll on 2nd  
portion of amendment

2926

Vote: 50 Yeas 71 Nays

Rep Pawlenty moves

- motion prevails

2882

2nd pt not adopted

Rep Pawlenty - moves

House be adjourned -  
motion prevails

2848 (8:52)

Rep Pawlenty - moves

House be now adjourned.

- motion prevails - adjourned

8/05. Jess.

HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

APPE: 1

COMMITTEE: MN House of Rep. Open Session

START TIME: 2:30 P.m.

DIVISION/SUBC: Day 43

CHAIR: Speaker: Steve Sviggum

AGE: 1

DATE: 11 Jan. 1999

EVOLUTIONS:

0030

0078

0295

0470

0659

0719

0840

0918

1215

1610

1651

1673

1847

2098

2138

2157

2231

2355

3 2387

2560

2670

2693

2824

2895

2900

LOG:

House comes to order

Prayer by the Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call by Clerk

Reading of Journal by Clerk

Intro of Bills HF:48-81

Rep Pawlenty moves to suspend Rules

- Prevails -

Adjourned for 3 days Reso 3 prevails

Rep Tuma = Rules changed and re-numbered

Tuma finishes

Discussion on Rule adoption

Rep Kahn: Given up on Rule changes, more  
comprehensible (shall-must, etc)

Rep Kahn: inconsistent word usage

Rep Pugh

~ TT43 ~

Rep Pawlenty: "8+9 are technical changes..."

- Adopted -

Rep Kalini: Propose to move to plain English

Rep Pawlenty: tabled Kahn motion

~ TT10 ~

Rep Entenza: language change - p15

Rep Hasskamp:

Rep Tuma: change to make user-friendly

~ Adopted ~

~ TT33 ~

McCullum: Time for Prayer + Meditation

HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: open session MINUTE OF REP. DIST. SESSION

START TIME: 1:05

DIVISION/SUBC:

CHAIR: Speaker's Committee

SIDE: 1

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DATE: 11/11/99

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

2979

Rep. Ciffield - motion picture for 2001

2914

Rep. Pawlenty - Democrats do have input

2843

Rep. Ciffield

2812

Rep. Greenberg - cutting off debate?

2794

Rep. Pawlenty - prevent chaos and confusion

2762

Rep. Greenberg

2644

Rep. Bishop - it's a given

2521

Rep. Tomassoni - we already have had 100% to 100% vote

2374

Rep. Tumbler

2335

Rep. Peterson

2210

Rep. Knoblach

1980

Rep. Skoglund

1620

Rep. Ozment

1610

Rep. Anderson - the house has an honorable record for allowing people to

1475

Rep. Ozment

1396

Rep. Tuma - keep breaking culture

1030

Rep. Mariani - don't use the time constraint as an excuse not to

0750

Rep. Tomassoni

0680

Rep. Bukovina - the bill is moving

0250

Rep. Skoglund

4PE 22:41:25 00.0

0261

Rep. Pawlenty - the time constraint is not arbitrary, only by arbitrary, needless debates

0486

Rep. Winter

0610

Clerk takes Roll on Eutawza Amendment

0683

Amendment Lost May: 70 Yea: 61

0760

Rep. Skoglund Amendment 104 - free Debate

1066

Rep. Bishop - [p12] the bill is structured to extend time to at least 2 m

# HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 2

COMMITTEE: MA House of Reps: 81st Session

START TIME: 2:30

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Spkr: Steve Sweeney

SIDE: A/D

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DATE: 1/11/99

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

1403

Rep Skoglund

1710

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1762

Clerk takes role

1843

Yay: 60 Nay: 71

1900

Motion does not prevail

2018

Rep Lemrick - Amend 014

2133

Rep Dehler - amend parts 2+3

2270

Rep McCullum

2380

Rep Smith

2458

Rep Lepik

2640

Rep Ness

2685

Rep Abrams

2773

Rep Kahn - people will be uncomfortable by the open prayer

2810

Rep Rhodes

2955

Rep Reuter - Invoking "God" or "Jesus Christ" becomes non-discriminatory

2955

Rep Eihorst supports Leppik

2984

Rep Olson

3058

Rep Dehler

3136

Rep McCullum

3200

Rep Dehler

3260

Rep McCullum

3320

Rep Dehler

3380

Rep McCullum

3440

Rep Dehler

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Rep McCullum

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Rep Dehler

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Rep McCullum

3680

Rep Dehler

3740

Rep McCullum

3800

Rep Dehler

3860

Rep McCullum

3920

Rep Dehler

3980

Rep McCullum

4040

Rep Dehler

4100

Rep McCullum

4160

Rep Dehler

4220

Rep McCullum

4280

Rep Dehler

4340

Rep McCullum

4400

Rep Dehler

HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 2

COMMITTEE: UNITED REP. RAIL SERVICE

START TIME: 2:30

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: SPENCER CRIGG

SIDE: B

PAGE: 5

DATE: 1/11/99

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

3490

Rep. Leppik

3450

Rep. Harris

3431

Rep. Clark

3415

Rep. Harris

3374

Rep. Erickson

3333

Clark amendment does not prevail; division down

3208

Leppik amend. line 4+5; rail call - yes 59 now 44

3105

Kahn amendment - amendment 22

2942

Rep. Pawlenty

2898

Rep. Kahn

2866

Vote no

2842

Rep. Olson amend. 779 requires rail call

2496

Rep. Entenza

2416

Rep. Turner

2367

Rep. Selberg

2195

Rep. Turner

2069

Rep. Selberg

1976

Rep. Olson

1857

Clark takes call

1807

Amendment 779 - 71/11/99

1770

Amendment 12

1726

Rep. Olson

1659

Rail call vote - yes

1450

Rep. Pawlenty referred to committee of rules

1340

Rep. Skaglund

1237

Rail call vote - yes

1160

Rep. Entenza

0989

Rep. Pawlenty - Proposed is a new concept

# HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 232

COMMITTEE: House of Rep. 81st Session

START TIME: 2:30

DIVISION/SUBC:

CHAIR: Spike: Steve Singson (Abbeys)

SIDE: B/A

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

060790

Rep Olson

0715

Rep Winter - near using the word "Frivolous"

0315

Roll Call by Clerk: years: 77 days: 56

1202

- Motion adopted -

0153

- Amendment 007 ~

TAPE 3 0010 (6:15)

0222

Roll Call vote: yes

0320

Rep. Entenza

1350

Rep Opatz

0720

Roll Call: yes 121 day 112

0350

- Not adopted

0270

~ Amendment 005 ~

0903

Rep Olson: "Education bills are 90% good"

1006

Rep Bishop - "If words are changed but I come to same conclusions."

1008

Rep Paulenty - moves that the amendment be referred to rules committee

1608

Rep Olson - only one part is before us

1609

- motion by Paulenty prevails -

1610

Amendment 007 ~

1611

Rep Winter

1612

Rep Paulenty

1613

Rep Greenfield

1614

Rep Paulenty's bill becomes rule in committee and moves out and on the floor is introduced

2350

Rep Greenfield

2455

Rep Opatz

2528

Rep Paulenty

2554

Rep Tomassoni

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TAPE: 3COMMITTEE: Subcomm on H.N. House of RepSTART TIME: 2:30

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Sen. Steve SuiguanSIDE: A/BPAGE: 7DATE: 11/1/99

## REVOLUTIONS:

## LOG:

2688Rep Pawlenty2727Rep. Winter2765Rep. Pawlenty2795Rep. Carlson2907Rep. Pawlenty2943Vote: motion prevails amendment adopted2964Tremble amend - 28: roll call requested3022Rep. Tuma3107Rep. Dehler3122roll call yeas 95 nays 373219Dign amendment 7746 giving special powers 35 min leader3281amendment to his amendment Rep. Pawlenty also subscribes to this3336amend carries. Pugh am carries3354Carlson amendment 263394Rep. Carlson requests roll call - am proposes 1/3 vote to suspend debate3467roll call yeas 62 nays 703516Greenfield amend. 7728 withdrawn3531Greiling amend. 617 withdrawn3567McCallum am. 77223572Rep. Sefton proposes 1/3 vote3577McCallum roll call req3605Rep. Pawlenty3642Rep. McCallum3684roll call on motion to refer - motion prevails yeas 127 nays 73736Rep. Winter amendments 77243764Rep. Sefton3787Rep. Leighton req yeas roll call succeeds3814Rep. Cochrane

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 3

COMMITTEE: MN House of Representatives 81st Session

START TIME: 3:30

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: SPR. STEVE SUGARMAN

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## REVOLUTIONS:

3262

3221

3192

3126

3015

2920

2840

2800

2763

2723

2602

2496

2415

2352

2302

2200

2102

2014

1900

1240

1430

1440

1400

## LOG:

Roll call YEAS 55 NAYS 76

Kahn amendment TT12

Rep Pawlenty

Rep Kahn

Rep Pawlenty -

Roll call vote - YES

~ Kahn amendment TT12 ~

YEAS 65 NAYS 65

Amendment TT13

Rep Krinkie - suggest adoption

~ Amendment adopted ~

KAHN ~ TT34 ~

Rep TUMA - removed because not used

Rep Kahn - New ex. means more interaction

Roll call suggested

Clerk takes roll

YEAS 54 NAYS 77

Amendment

Rep Finkelt - procedure for amendment adoption

Rep Finkelt - suggest amendment

Rep Pawlenty

Rep Kahn

Clerk takes roll - last time roll

YEAS 79 NAYS 52

~ Motion prevails ~

Motion adopted prevails

Motion prevails

Motion prevails

HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 3

COMMITTEE: MN House of Representatives 81st Session

START TIME: 2:30

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Spkr: Steve Sviggum

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REVOLUTIONS:

1263

1247

1188

1113

1105

1010

0794

0700

0600

LOG:

Roll call

Rep Pawlenty - farm crisis is imp, how quickly until floor

Rep Finseth - on Wednesday addressed

Rep Pawlenty - table the motion

Roll call - yeas-70 nays-60

~ Motion Prevails ~

Rep Crothers - Decorum

Rep Kahn - "Gentle lady."

Announcement 5

~ House Adjourned ~

TAPE: 1

START TIME: 12:00

COMMITTEE: House Floor Dist #68

DIVISION/SUBC: 81st Session MW House of Reps

CHAIR: Speaker Suggs

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REVOLUTIONS:

0005

0050

2 48

3 08

4 30

4 76

5 21

6 60

6 73

7 46

7 52

8 50

8 89

9 18

9 48

9 81

11 59

13 05

13 35

13 80

15 17

15 45

15 50

16 40

16 50

16 58

17 28

LOG:

Call to order

Prayer by Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep Pugh speaks

Rep Stepanek speaks

Quorum Roll call

Clerk closes roll

Quorum is present

Clerk reads journal from preceding day

Introduction of bills

Clerk gives first reading

24:76 - 25:19

Rep Reuter introduces H.F. 2720

Mistake made by Author

Rep Reuter speaks on bill

Roll call vote is requested

Rep Mayers speaks / ~~Rep Mayers speaks~~

Rep Reuter requests roll call

Rep Reuter asks for / given vote?

Roll call is taken - lay on table

Clerk shall close roll

20 I's 72 nay's

Rep Reuter speaks on vote

Motion of suspension of rules

Rep Hays addresses rep Mayers

Rep Mayers speaks

Rep Hays

TAPE: 1

START TIME: 1200

SIDE: A

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COMMITTEE:

DIVISION/SUBC: 81<sup>st</sup> Session MD House of Rep

CHAIR: Speaker Suiagum

DATE: 2-1-2000

REVOLUTIONS:

17 35

17 50

17 84

18 20

19 10

19 37

19 74

20 25

20 43

21 11

22 19

22 47

22 85

23 26

23 70

24 06

24 71

24 96

25 30

25 30

26 30

26 79

26 93

27 48

28 30

28 36

28 75

28 83

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LOG:

Rep Mares

Rep Fullard

Rep Junke

Rep Fullard speaks against vote

Rep Haskamp

Addresses Rep Haskamp (Rep Reuter)

Rep Haskamp

Rep Segron

Rep Reuter

Rep Cardona

Rep Odoma

Rep Reuter

Rep McCullen

Rep Reuter

Rep McCullen

Rep Seeker

Rep Shumaker

Rep Ehrhart

Rep Reuter

Rep Ehrhart

Rep Kulikowski

Motion for vote by Speaker

Rep Adson

Clerk takes roll

Clerk closes roll

63 I's To neg's Bill referred to ED policy

Motions and resolutions

Resolution #12

TAPE: 1

START TIME: 12:00

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REVOLUTIONS:

2918

3002

3020

3030

3080

3113

3131

3310

3340

3490

3505

3604

3538

3475

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3263

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3392

3526

2761

2714

2582

2566

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COMMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION/SUBC: 51st Session MN House of Reps

CHAIR: Speaker Swiggy

DATE: 2-1-2000

LOG:

H.F. 2936 (motions & resolutions)

Copies of 101 is placed on desks

Rep Reuter request roll house

Roll call

Rep Abrams moves roll call suspended

Rep Reuter neg's roll call

Rep Reuter wants to change rules

Short Prayer

Rep McCullum asks for quiet

Rep Reuter resumes

Speaker calls for 2/3 vote

Rep Loppik

TAPE SIDE B

Rep Haskins requests roll call (on Lines 6, 7, 8)

Speaker calls for roll call

Rep. Turner

Rep. Pagnier

Roll Call 20 Y - 110 N Amend to Amend

Rep. Kielkucki

Rep. Olsen

Roll Call Amendment to Rules 69 Y - 63 N

Rep. Mares introduces further amend

Rep. Rhodes

Rep. Clark - personal privilege

Rep. Bishop - personal privilege

Rep. Wolf

Rep. Abraham

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

START TIME: 12:00

DIVISION/SUBC: 81<sup>st</sup> Session MN House Reps

CHAIR: Speaker Swiggum

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2544

2444

~~244~~ 2400

2389

2303

2371

LOG:

Rep Pugh

Rep Molnar

Rep Rhodes

Rep Ozman

Rep Linder

Rep Molnar Remove call of House House adjourn

FLOOR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: House Floor

START TIME: 3:05

DIVISION/SUBC: 76<sup>th</sup> Day

CHAIR: Speaker Sullivan

SIDE: 1A

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

0001  
0217  
0530  
0585  
0607  
0625  
0724  
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1519  
1550  
1596  
1641  
1710

House called to order  
Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 118 Yeas 7 Nays  
Rep Pelowski  
Motion is approved  
Rep. Mahoney  
Rep Buesgens  
Reports of standing committees referred  
2nd reading of HF's  
2nd reading of SF's  
Introduction of bills - 1st reading  
Consent Calendar for day  
HF 2190 1st item for day  
Rep Rest proposes bill  
3rd reading HF 2190  
Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 132 Yeas 0 Nays  
3rd bill on consent calendar HF 3142  
Rep Swenson - explains bill  
Rep Kahn  
Rep Swenson  
Rep Kahn  
Rep Kahn  
Rep Swenson  
Rep Kulkarni  
Rep Storm  
Rep Kahn  
Rep Swenson  
Rep Kahn  
Rep Mahoney  
Rep Kahn

# HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: House Floor

START TIME: 3:00

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Speaker Sviggum

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## REVOLUTIONS:

1746  
1810  
2001  
2078  
**2103**  
2131  
2171  
2206  
2241  
2275  
2305  
2373  
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2611  
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2641  
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3084

## LOG:

Rep. Molnar  
Rep. Clark  
Rep. Swenson  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Molnar  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Swenson  
Rep. Kahn  
Point of Order Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Swenson  
Rep. Molnar  
Rep. Kahn with Edwards point of order  
3rd reading HF 3142  
Clark takes roll  
Clark closes roll 126 items in list  
HF 3156 4th item on consent calendar  
Rep. Workman explains the bill  
Rep. Erhardt  
Rep. Workman  
Rep. Erhardt  
Rep. Workman  
Rep. Erhardt  
Rep. Workman  
Rep. Erhardt  
3rd reading HF 3156  
Clark takes roll  
Clark closes roll 130 items on list  
Report from rules  
Report from Rules S15 CR  
Rep. Pawlenty S15 CR  
Rep. Leighton





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COMMITTEE: House Floor

START TIME: 3:05

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

SIDE: 1B

CHAIR: Speaker Jorgensen

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1525  
1467  
1439  
1249  
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1074  
0850  
1028  
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0175  
1003  
  
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1017  
0122  
454  
0025  
516  
0816  
0575  
0419  
1006  
1044  
1134  
1151  
1147  
1348  
1303

## LOG:

Report from Rules 11CR  
Rep Paulenty  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Paulenty  
Clerk reports amendment 29  
Rep Olson  
Rep Storn  
Rep Solberg  
Rep Olson  
Rep Solberg  
Rep Olson  
Rep Solberg  
Rep Olson  
Amendment introduced into Rules Committee by Rep Olson  
Tape 2  
Amendment 11CR 30  
Roll call requested by Minority, Leader Paul  
Rep Pugh  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Pugh  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Paulenty  
Rep Paulenty moves to amend  
Rep Pugh  
Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 64 Yeas 62 Nays/Absent  
Amendment read by Clerk CR 31  
Rep Leighton  
Rep Tuma  
Rep Leighton  
Rep Paulenty

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COMMITTEE: House Floor

START TIME: 3:05

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CHAIR: Speaker Speggum

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1445  
1459  
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1793  
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## LOG:

Amendment does not prevail by voice  
Amendment HCR 16  
Rep Knobloch  
Rep Knobloch  
Rep Bishop  
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Rep Knobloch  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Pawlenty  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Tuma  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Pawlenty  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Pawlenty  
Clark takes the roll  
Rep. Thomas is absent  
Rep. Thomas is absent 39 absent 41  
Rep. Thomas is absent 41  
Rep Bishop  
Rep McCollum  
Rep Pawlenty  
Rep Selberg  
Rep Pawlenty  
Rep McCollum  
Rep Pawlenty



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CHAIR: Speaker Sussan

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## REVOLUTIONS:

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## LOG:

Rep. Smith

Rep. Holsten

Rep. Finsett

Motion prevails to adjourn

House adjourned

81st. Sess.

HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

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COMMITTEE: MN House of Rep. Open Session

START TIME: 2:30 P.m.

DIVISION/SUBC: Day #3

CHAIR: Speaker: Steve Sviggum

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REVOLUTIONS:

DATE: Jan. 1999

LOG:

2:35 0030

House comes to order

0078

Prayer by the Chaplain

0295

Pledge of Allegiance

0470

Roll call by Clerk

0659

Reading of Journal by Clerk

0719

Intro of Bills HF:48-81

0840

Rep Pawlenty moves to suspend Rules

- Prevails -

0918

Adjourned for 3 days. Res. 3 prevails

1215

Rep Tuma = Rules changed and re-numbered

2:50 1610

Tuma finishes

1651

Discussion on Rule adoption

1673

Rep Kahn: Given up on Rule changes, more

comprehensible (shall-must, etc)

1847

Rep Kahn: inconsistent word usage

2098

Rep Pugh

2138

~ TT43 ~

2157

Rep Pawlenty: "8+9 are technical changes..."

- Adopted -

2231

Rep Kahn: Propose to move to plain English

2355

Rep Pawlenty: tabled Kahn motion

2387

~ TT10 ~

3:03 2560

Rep Entenza: language change - p15

2670

Rep Hasskamp:

2693

Rep Tuma: change to make user-friendly

2824

~ Adopted ~

2895

~ TT33 ~

2900

McCullum: Time for Prayer + Meditation

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START TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

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## REVOLUTIONS:

## LOG:

33 2956Molnau - what's a non-denom prayer?↓ 2982McCollum3007Molnau3047McCollum3063Rep. Kubly - "interdenominational"3123Rep. Denier3174Encksen3204Rep. Olson3280Rhodes32983316Rep. Pawlenty - "God" ok?3368Rep. Leppik - "that respects the diversity of the house"3425Rep. McCollum - ok3458Rep. Leppik3473Rep. McCollum3506Rep. Sviggum3522Rep. McCollum - tables amendment3540Opatz  
Amendment 0023558Rep. Opatz - tenure of chairs3592Pawlenty supports it3600Rep. TumaB 3614Rep. Bukavina - objects3555Rep. Opatz3513Rep. Bukavina3478motion prevails; division called for, 91 ayes; motion prevailsB 3410Estenro amendment TT18 requests roll call "gag rule"3196Rep. Kielkucki - were trying to increase amt of time guaranteed3086Rep. Pawlenty - we need conciseness

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DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Spkr. Steve SviggumSIDE: 6PAGE: 3DATE: 4/11/99

## REVOLUTIONS:

## LOG:

2979Rep. Orfield - this is a partisan proposal2914Rep. Pawlenty - Democrats did have input2843Rep. Orfield2812Rep. Greenfield - cutting off debate?2799Rep. Pawlenty - prevent obvious obstructionism2762Rep. Greenfield2644Rep. Bishop - it's worth a try2521Rep. Tomassoni - we already have the ability to cut off debate2374Rep. Timble2338Rep. Peterson2210Rep. Knobloch1980Rep. Skoglund1620Rep. Ozment1610Rep. Andersen - the house has an admirable record for allowing people to1475Rep. Ozment1396Rep. Tuma - Keep brawling culture1030Rep. Mariani - don't use the time constraint as an excuse not to do0750Rep. Tomassoni0680Rep. Bukavina - the bill is wrong0250Rep. Skoglund

APE 2: 4:25 00:10

0261Rep. Pawlenty - the time cutoff is not arbitrary, only for obviously  
needless debates0486Rep. Winter0610Clerk takes Roll on Euteuxa Amendment0683Amendment Lost May: 70 Yea: 610760Rep. Skoglund Amendment 004 - free Debate1066Rep. Bishop - [p12] the bill is structured to extend time to at least



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COMMITTEE:

MN House of Reps: 81st Session

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CHAIR:

Spkr: Steve Sviggum

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REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

1403

Rep Skoglund

1710

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1762

Clerk takes role

Yay: 60 Nay: 71

Motion does not prevail

1843

1900

Rep Lemnick - Amend 014 -

2018

Rep Dehler - amend parts 2+3

2133

Rep McCullum

2270

Rep Smith

2380

Rep Leppik

2458

Rep Ness

2640

Rep Abrams

2685

Rep Kahn - people will be uncomfortable by the open prayer

2773

Rep Rhodes

2810

Rep Reuter - Invoking "God" or "Jesus Christ" becomes non-derogatory

2955

Rep Erhardt - supports Leppik

2984

Rep Olson

3033

Rep Dehler

3056

Rep McCullum

3143

Rep Lindner

3207

Rep Paymar

3295

Rep Pawlenty

3345

Rep Leppik

3375

Rep Leighton req roll call vote 1st part  
yeas 72 nays 60

2nd part

5:20

3494

Rep Clark amendment 14

3583

Rep Osskopp

3527

Rep Clark

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DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Spkr. Steve SviggumSIDE: BPAGE: 5DATE: 1/11/99

## REVOLUTIONS:

3490345034313415337433333208310529422898286628422496247522632195206919761881178017621720145914301340123711600989

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## LOG:

Rep. LeppikRep. ItasRep. ClarkRep. ItasRep. EricksonClark amendment; does not prevail; division; downLeppik amend. lines 4+5; roll call; yeas 89 nays 49Kahn amendment; amendment 22Rep. PawlentyRep. Kahnvote noRep. Olson amend. TT 9 requests roll callRep. EntenzaRep. TumaRep. SolbergRep. TumaRep. SolbergRep. OlsonClerk takes Roll~ Amendment TT 9: 61 yeas 71 Nays ~~ Amendment A2 ~Rep. M. OlsonRoll Call Vote - yesRep. Mover referred to committee of RulesRep. SkoglundRoll Call Vote - yesRep. EntenzaRep. Pawlenty - Proposal is a new concept

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TAPE: 2/3 2

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DIVISION/SUBC:

CHAIR: Spkr: Steve Sviggum (Abrams)

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## REVOLUTIONS:

## LOG:

06 0790

Rep Olson

0715

Rep Winter - poor using the word "frivolous"

0315

Roll Call by Clerk : yeas: 77 nays: 56

0202

- Motion adopted -

0153

~ Amendment 007 ~

TAPE 3 0010 (6:15)

0222

Roll Call vote : yes

0320

Rep. Entenza

0350

Rep Opatz

0720

Roll Call: yeas: 121 Nays: 112

0850

- Not adopted

0870

~ Amendment 005 ~

0933

Rep Olson: "Education bills are 90% good"

1256

Rep Bishop - "If words are changed ... I come to same conclusions"

1563

Rep Pawlenty - moves that the amend. be removed to rules committee

1608

Rep Olson - only one part is before us

1669

~ Motion by Pawlenty prevails ~

1700

Amend ~ TT16 ~

1766

Rep Winter

1840

Rep Pawlenty

~~2050~~ 2050

Rep Greenfield

2206

Rep Pawlenty: Germaneness rule in committee but not on the floor is undesired

2380

Rep Greenfield

2455

Rep Opatz

2528

Rep Pawlenty

2554

Rep Tomassoni

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CHAIR: Spkr. Steve SviggumDE: A/BPAGE: 7DATE: 1/11/99

## REVOLUTIONS:

## LOG:

2688Rep. Pawlenty2727Rep. Winter2763Rep. Pawlenty2795Rep. Carlson2907Rep. Pawlenty2943vote; motion prevails; amendment adopted2964Tremble amend - 28; roll call requested3022Rep. Tuma3107Rep. Dehler3122roll call yeas 95 nays 373219Pugh amendment TT46 giving up special powers as min. leader3281amendment to the amendment - Rep. Pawlenty also subscribes to this.3336amend. carries; Pugh am. carries3354Carlson amendment 263467Rep. Carlson requests roll call - am. proposes 2/3 vote to suspend debate3516roll call yeas 62 nays 703537Greenfield amend. 7728 withdrawn3557Greiling amend. 012 withdrawn3612McCallum am. 77223640Rep. Seifert proposes re-referral3665McCallum roll call req.3596Rep. Pawlenty3589Rep. McCallum3536roll call on motion to re-refer - motion prevails yeas 127 nays 73464Rep. Leighton amendment; 77243387Rep. Seifert3314Rep. Leighton requests roll call; succeeds3314Rep. Goodno

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COMMITTEE: MN House of Representatives 81st session

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CHAIR: Spkr. Steve Swiggum

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## REVOLUTIONS:

## LOG:

3262

roll call yeas 55 nays 76

3221

kahn amendment TT12

3152

Rep. Pawlenty

3126

Rep. Kahn

3015

Rep. Pawlenty -

2920

Roll call vote - yes

2840

~ Kahn amendment TT12 ~

2800

yeas: 65 NAYS: 65

2763

Amendment TT13

2723

Rep. Krinkie - suggest adoption

2602

~ Amendment adopted ~

2496

KAHN ~ TT34 ~

2413

Rep. TUMA - removed because not used

2332

Rep. Kahn - New era means more interaction

2302

Roll call requested

43pm 2119

Clerk takes roll

1857

yeas 54 Nays 77

1694

Amendment

1651

Rep. Erhardt - procedure for amendment adoption

1240

Rep. Pugh - steps toward openness to the public

1480

Rep. Pawlenty

1440

Rep. Solberg

1400

Clerk takes roll to adopt house rules

yeas: 79 NAYS: 52

~ Motion Prevails ~

Motion adopted prevails

Motion prevails

Motion prevails

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REVOLUTIONS:

1263

1247

1188

1113

1105

1010

94

0700

0600

LOG:

Roll call

Rep Pawlenty - farm crisis is imp, how quickly until floor

Rep Finseth - on Wednesday addressed

Rep Pawlenty - Table the motion

Roll Call - yeas-70 nays-60

~ Motion Prevails ~

Rep Courhaus - Decorum

Rep Kalin - "Gentle lady"

Announcement 5

~ House Adjourned ~

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CHAIR: Speaker Sullivan

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0217  
0530  
0585  
0607  
0625  
0724  
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1127  
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1199  
1334  
1377  
1394  
1411  
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1464  
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1519  
1550  
1594  
1641  
1710

## LOG:

House called to order  
Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 118 Yeas 7 No  
Rep. Pelowski  
Motion is approved  
Rep. Mahoney  
Rep. Buesgens  
Reports of standing committees adopted  
2nd reading of HF's  
2nd reading of SF's  
Introduction of bills + 1st reading  
Consent Calendar for day  
HF 2190 1st item for day  
Rep. Rest explains bill  
3rd reading HF 2190  
Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 132 Yeas 0 Nays  
3rd bill on consent calendar HF 3142  
Rep. Swenson explains bill  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Swenson  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Swenson  
Rep. Lukavics  
Rep. Storm  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Swenson  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Madan  
Rep. Kahn

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COMMITTEE: House Floor

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CHAIR: Speaker Sviggum

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## REVOLUTIONS:

1746  
1810  
2001  
2078  
**2103**  
2131  
2171  
2206  
2241  
2275  
2305  
2373  
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3084

## LOG:

Rep Molnar  
Rep Clark  
Rep Swenson  
Rep Kahn  
Rep Molnar  
Rep Kahn  
Rep Swenson  
Rep Kahn  
Point of Order Rep Kahn  
Rep Swenson  
Rep Molnar  
Rep Kahn with Edwards point of order  
3rd reading HF 3142  
Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 126 Ayes 0 Nays  
HF 3156 4th item on consent calendar  
Rep Workman explains the bill  
Rep Erhardt  
Rep Workman  
Rep Erhardt  
Rep Workman  
Rep Erhardt  
Rep Workman  
Rep Erhardt  
3rd reading HF 3156  
Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 130 Ayes 0 Nays  
Report from Rules  
Report from Rules S15 CR  
Rep Pawlenty S15 CR  
Rep Leighton



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3144  
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2668  
2625  
2608  
2521  
2439  
2168  
2065  
1995  
1760  
1669  
1618  
1550

## LOG:

Clerk takes the roll  
Rep Pawlenty moves / motion prevails  
Clerk closes the roll 114 Ayes 11 Nays  
Rep Parmar  
Rep Lindner  
Rep Hake  
Rep McCollum  
Rep Entenza  
SIDE B  
Rep Skoglund  
Rep Lindner  
Rep Skoglund  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Hasskamp  
Rep Van Dellen  
Rep Leppik moves to divide rule before Howe  
Report from Rules S15 CR Second Portion  
Rep Leppik  
Parliamentary inquiry Rep. Wilkin  
Rep Leighton  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Leighton  
Rep Pawlenty  
Rep Kelliber  
Rep Entenza  
Rep Barnes  
Rep Olson  
Clerk takes the roll  
Clerk closes roll 71 Ayes 60 Nays  
1st Portion S15 CR / Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 79 Ayes 52 Nays

1st portion adopted

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CHAIR: Speaker Surgeon

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0810  
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0269  
0175  
0063  
  
02035  
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0122  
0454  
0505  
0586  
07816  
0873  
0919  
1006  
1094  
1134  
1151  
1197  
1348  
1393

## LOG:

Report from Rules 11 CR  
Rep Paulentz  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Paulentz  
Clerk reports amendment 28  
Rep Olson  
Rep Storn  
Rep Solberg  
Rep Olson  
Rep Solberg  
Rep Olson  
Rep Solberg  
Rep Olson  
Amendment moved into Rules Committee by Rep. Olson  
Tape 2  
Amendment 11 CR 30  
Roll call requested by Minority Leader Paul  
Rep Paul  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Paul  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Paulentz  
Rep Paulentz moves to Rules Committee  
Rep Pugh  
Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 69 Yeas 62 Nays/Adopt  
Amendment read by Clerk CR 31  
Rep Leighton  
Rep Tuma  
Rep Leighton  
Rep Paulentz

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## LOG:

Amendment does not prevail by voice  
Amendment 11 CR 16  
Rep Knoblauch  
Rep Knoblauch  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Knoblauch  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Knoblauch  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Knoblauch  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Paulentz  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Turner  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Paulentz  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Paulentz  
Clerk takes the roll  
Rep Thomas motions recess  
Clerk closes roll 89 Hrs. Days 41  
Clerk reads amendment 11 CR 27 Rep Paul  
Rep Bishop  
Rep McCollum  
Rep Paulentz  
Rep Solberg  
Rep Paulentz  
Rep McCollum  
Rep Paulentz  
Rep McCollum  
Rep Paulentz

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2900

## LOG:

Rep McCollum  
Rep Solberg  
Rep Pawlenty  
  
Rep. Larson  
Clerk takes roll in the Park Amendment HCR  
Motion prevails in Rep Affairs  
Clerk closes roll 62 Ayes 68 Nays / not adopt  
Reinst from Rules HCR  
Clerk closes roll 68 Ayes 62 Nays / Rules adopted  
Calendar by day SF & 6  
Sen. Spencer moves bill / motion prevails  
Calendar by day continues in Sen. Pawlenty  
Motions + Resolutions  
Rep. Rusher  
Rep. Lepore  
Rep. Dent  
Rep. Smith  
Rep. Opatz  
Rep. Buesgens  
Rep. Mader  
Rep. Molinar  
Rep. Marks  
Rep. Smith  
Rep. Erickson  
Rep. Wenzel  
Rep. Olson  
Rep. Greenfield  
Rep. Oskop  
Rep. Rasmussen  
Rep. Rhodes

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## REVOLUTIONS:

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## LOG:

Rep Smith

Rep. Holsten

Rep Finseth

Motion prevails to adjourn

House adjourned

## **Transcript Of Floor Session Debate On A Rules Committee Report**

### **Wednesday, February 23, 2000**

**Speaker Sviggum:** Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

**Clerk Burdick:** Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. Pawlenty for the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, offers the following report and moves its adoption. "Resolve that Rule 1.01 of the Permanent Rules of the House of Representatives for the Eighty-First Session shall read as follows."

**Speaker Sviggum:** There is a copy of this on each Member's desk. I call on the Chairman of the Rules Committee, Majority Leader, Representative Pawlenty.

**Majority Leader Pawlenty:** Mr. Speaker. Just for clarification purposes, there are two reports, separate reports from the Rules Committee. I presume we are on the report coded S-15-CR. Is that correct?

**Speaker Sviggum:** That is correct. S-15-CR.

**Majority Leader Pawlenty:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, today we will be considering two separate reports from the Rules Committee. The first is coded S-15-CR. The second will come up after this discussion.

This report, Members, deals with the provision in House Rules relating to the prayer that we present to Members prior to the start of session. By way of background, Members, the language that is at issue here, was changed last year during the 1999 session. I think you are familiar with that. We have had some debates through some motions by Representative Reuter earlier this session and last year about these issues.

But from 1919 to 1999, there was essentially no change in the House Rules regarding prayer. Again, from 1919 to 1999, no change, except in 1973, there was a brief addition of the phrase, "or meditation," was added to the House Rules.

Last year, as you know, we had a situation where a choir came to the House floor and presented a song that was of concern to many Members, several Members, as perhaps going too far, or maybe using language that was offensive or inappropriate.

In response to that, shortly after that, we had an initiative on the House floor that started with Representative McCollum's amendment, I think was attempted to be enhanced by an amendment by Representative Leppik. It was all done on the House floor, somewhat, I don't want to say "on the fly," but on somewhat short notice.

And that has resulted in some prayer language that was intended, I think, to celebrate and be respectful and tolerant of diversity, but I believe may have had the opposite effect, or at least on paper, may have had the opposite effect.

As it has been interpreted, the new rule that was adopted in 1999 would require a non-denominational prayer, as well as a prayer that would respect the religious diversity of the House. And, taken literally, that language would require a generic or homogenous prayer that was not particular to one faith. In fact, the letter that goes out from the Chaplain speaks of directions to the Visiting Chaplains to make the prayer inter-faith, ecumenical, not to be exclusionary of any faith, and not to be focused on a denomination's distinctiveness.

Members, I think that if we want to be respectful of diversity, and celebrate diversity, we should allow different perspectives and then tolerate that. And I have spoken to the Speaker about this, Members, about how, if we adopt this Rules Committee Report, this would be implemented.

And the goal here would be to, rather than have any one particular prayer try to reflect the entire religious diversity of the House, that we would strive over the course of the Session to invite Chaplains and Visiting Chaplains in that would reflect religious diversity in the House. And, I think, as we established last year through some procedural debates, when the prayer takes place, we are not formally yet in session, and Members can choose to attend or not attend as they see fit, as an additional consideration.

But our goal here, Members, is to not have prayer that is so watered down or so generic that it becomes pointless and a counter to diversity and celebrating diversity, but in fact allow diversity to take place, recognizing that all of us need to be tolerant of it, but do so within the context of an entire session, and allow each individual prayer to perhaps speak to a particular faith or religious perspective.

So with that background, Members, we offer this Report from the Rules Committee. And we hope that you will support it.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Is there any discussion? Rules Committee Report. Is there any discussion? The Member from Mower, Representative Leighton.

**Representative Leighton:** Mr. Speaker, I request a roll call vote.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Roll call being requested. Are there fifteen hands? Seeing fifteen hands, there will be a roll call. Representative Leighton.

**Representative Leighton:** Mr. Speaker, I also request a Call of the House.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Call of the House. Are there ten hands requesting a Call of the House? Seeing the ten hands, there will be a Call of the House. The clerk will take the roll. Representative Pawlenty?

**Majority Leader Pawlenty:** Mr. Speaker, I move that further proceedings under the Call be suspended, and that the Sergeant-At-Arms be instructed to bring in the absent Members.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Pawlenty moves that further proceedings under the Roll Call be dispensed with and that the Sergeant-At-Arms be instructed to bring in the absentee members. Those in favor, say "Aye." Opposed, "Nay." The motion prevails. The Clerk will close the Roll, and the Sergeant-At-Arms will bring in the absent members. To the Report of the Rules Committee that is before us. Is there any discussion? S-15-CR. The member from Ramsey, Representative Paymar.

**Representative Paymar:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, I am a little surprised at the Majority Leader bringing this change of rules to this body today. This is a short legislative session. We have pressing items that we should be debating.

And now this is the second time that Members of your Caucus have brought this to the body, to consume more time, more energy, talking about whether, what kind of prayer we should have to start each session.

Representative Leppik, I thought, gave a, really, a beautiful speech last, last time this was brought up, explaining the reason and the purpose for the language that we currently have in Rules.

That allows for a non-denominational prayer that respects the religious diversity of the House. And how anyone could support the notion of deleting, striking the language out of the Rules that respects the religious diversity of the House is beyond me.

So not only am I concerned about the time that this is going to take away from the busy work that we should have, doing Minnesota's work, but I am concerned about the intent behind it. Because it was only last year - - - Mr. Speaker?

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Paymar?

**Representative Paymar:** I can't hear.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Okay. Representative Paymar, it seems fairly quiet in here right now, at this time, but, Members? Members, please give the proper respect to the speaker, Representative Paymar. Representative Paymar?

**Representative Paymar:** It was only last year, Mr. Speaker and Members, that I remember Representative Lindner getting up before the House, and saying to this body that the Christian religion is the majority in this House, that the Christian religion is the majority of this House, so why can't we have the kind of prayers that we want in this body. Now, is that your intent?

I know that that's not in your heart, to be disrespectful of those Members who aren't Christians, Representative Lindner, and those others who are going to support this rule change. But it is disrespectful. It is highly disrespectful.

You are imposing your own religious beliefs on the rest of this body, which is, and the minority Members here, minority religious Members here, in my view. I know that is not in your heart, and I know what your intent is. But I have expressed to you before how this makes certain Members feel, who are not Christians.

Now, I know that some of you have Christian prayers throughout the week. I get them on my e-mail. You invite people to your fellowships. Fine. Do it. Do it whenever you want. Do it before session starts, if you feel like you want to have prayer before the House starts its deliberations. But I would like to be part of that, of that moment, where a religious leader gets up before us and has a prayer. But I would like that to be non-denominational, and I would like it to be respectful of who I am. And I think this is disrespectful. I would hope the body would reject the Majority Leader's position, we vote down this rule change.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Is there any further discussion? The Member from Hennepin, Representative Lindner.

**Chairman Lindner:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Paymar, I don't know for sure what you are talking about. If you are talking about wasting time, did you just sit there and listen to Representative Kahn waste all that time just a few minutes ago?

I think prayer is very important. You know, we are told there is one God, and one mediator between God and man. The man, Christ Jesus. And most of us here are Christians. And we shouldn't be left not able to pray in the name of our God, when we have an opportunity to pray. That's disrespectful of the majority's rights.

Now, if you don't want to be here for prayer, as the Speaker has said before, this is not mandatory. The prayer happens before session begins. And I don't know why you are looking at me all this time, you know, while you are talking.

I am very happy this is coming back up, and I think all we are doing is putting the order of the day, the order for prayer, and the way we do prayer, back like it was for hundreds of years before this session. And if you don't like it, you may have to like it. Or just don't come. I don't come sometimes for some prayers here. There are some groups that pray in here that I stay out of the room. We have that privilege, and you need to exercise it. But don't impose your irreligious left views on me.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Ramsey, Representative Haake.

**Representative Haake:** Thank you. Members, I don't know about the rest of you, but I really don't care what God everybody prays to. They are all praying to one God. And as far as I am concerned, I need all the help I can get. And I really appreciate the prayers from everybody's God. Thank you.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Ramsey, Representative McCollum.

**Representative McCollum:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. I am going to vote against this amendment and I am going to vote against it for a couple of reasons. The paramount one is, the two times this has been discussed on the floor was within the way that the Rules of the House are adopted. And that is more than a simple majority. And I voted against this amendment in the Rules Committee.

What we have done here is we've said, okay, there is a majority who would like the prayer to be conducted in a certain way. And we can't win when it is a simple majority, so we'll amend the rules going through the Rules Committee, where a simple majority can win. The reason why, that we have a higher standard for adopting the rules as we do in the first weeks of session, is so that the minority is heard. And we lost that, with the way that the rules were adopted. And that is why I voted against it in the Rules Committee.

I am very concerned about the tenor of discussion. I am a Christian. I am a Catholic. And I am not here trying to out-Christian anybody else. And when I want to pray a Catholic creed, I do it at church. And I enjoy the fellowship of the many denominations in this hall. And I enjoy the fellowship of praying together, when everybody feels included.

And the comment is, "just don't come." Well, you know, if you just don't come from [sic] the prayer, you just don't get to say the Pledge of Allegiance either. Because the doors are closed for that. So, Members, I would encourage you not to vote for this amendment. And, Representative Paymar? One of my favorite religious songs is, "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love."

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Ramsey, Representative Entenza.

**Representative Entenza:** Mr. Speaker, I think the issue today is whether or not we are going to show the respect that the present rule has. And Representative Lindner, I hope that perhaps you want to re-think the last remark that you made? We have Members in this body who come from different religious traditions. And to suggest that someone who comes from the Jewish tradition, a tradition which we should all certainly honor, that somehow that is an irreligious one, suggests to me that it is very important to vote against this motion from the Rules Committee.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Hennepin, Representative Skoglund.

**Representative Skoglund:** Mr. Speaker, will Representative Lindner yield to a question?

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Lindner does yield. Representative Skoglund.



**Representative Skoglund:** Mr. Speaker. Did I hear you say, "Don't impose your irreligious views on me?" Was that your quote to Representative Paymar? Mr. Speaker, apparently I am not speaking loudly enough. Representative Lindner, did you say, "Don't impose your irreligious views on me," to Representative Paymar?

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Lindner.

**Chairman Lindner:** It was something like that.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Skoglund.

**Representative Skoglund:** Well, Mr. Speaker, I am embarrassed quite frankly for what Representative Lindner said. And as a Christian, as a Christian who does Bible devotion almost every night with his family, I apologize to you, because most of us don't feel that way, Representative Paymar. I apologize. I am embarrassed, on behalf of we Christians.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Olmsted, Representative Bishop.

**Chairman Bishop:** Mr. Speaker and Members. It has been accurately said that this issue is not new. That we have voted on it a number of times. And I believe, if my recollection is correct, that I voted on it both ways, or three or four ways, if there have been three or four times. And I think that I voted each time, in line with my best judgment of what things meant. But Mr. Speaker and Members, I have this feeling about the order of things in the House that I have observed over, now 18 years. And I don't see anyone objecting to the word "prayer." Nor have I heard anyone in the past object to the word "prayer," or by the Chaplain, or by someone standing in for the Chaplain, on a daily, temporary basis as a Chaplain pro tem, or for the words "time for a brief meditation." Mr. Speaker and Members, I have a problem with "non-denominational." It is a negative word. I don't know how to make, and I don't see a good reason, for asking a Catholic priest to be our Chaplain. And Monsignor [Habegger?] for years, was the House Chaplain. While I am not of the Catholic faith and persuasion, members of my family are. I have a deep respect for that segment of the Christian religion. Monsignor [Habegger?] was an outstanding Chaplain. I can't remember a single invocation or prayer that he gave that I didn't find helpful. In fact, a number of them, I asked him for copies so that I could read them over. But I wouldn't expect me to ask Monsignor [Habegger?] to give a prayer that was a non-Catholic prayer, because of a "non-denominational" word in front of it. I wouldn't expect a rabbi to give a Catholic prayer. Nor a minister from a Baptist church to give a prayer that was "non-denominational" or from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. We honor ourselves by honoring all of our Chaplains who offer us the prayer or meditations. So I support the action of the Rules Committee, on the word "non-denominational." I think it conveys a confusing message, and "prayer by the Chaplain" is sufficient. I think, "respects the religious diversity of the House," has not been an issue. But putting it in the wording, I think, makes it an issue. And I think that we should get back to the words that have worked over the years, and expect the Speaker and the Chaplain to line up persons to give us invocations that are uplifting at the beginning, without giving us invocations that are contrary to anyone's faith. I don't think we have to get into the question of religions. I hope we don't. I know that Representative Lindner knows that we wouldn't have the Christian faith if it hadn't been for Judaism before it. That the standards of Judaism were well known to the founder of the Christian, founders of the Christian church and faith. And we get strength from both. I think we shouldn't be struggling with one over the other. And I think we should expect this particular change in the rules to be a strengthening, rather than a weakening, of our practice. Thank you.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Crow Wing, Representative Hasskamp.

**Representative Hasskamp:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. I was not going to speak on this, but after Representative Lindner's comments, I have to. Because when he said what he did, my heart stopped. And I want the Members, because this is the most personal vote we are going to cast, this is the vote on what we want in this body before the session begins. It is not a political issue. It is a personal issue. And I want my colleagues, Representative Paymar and others of other faiths, to know why I am voting for this rule. And I am voting for the rule because I want to be exposed to other religious beliefs and prayers. Because in my 12 years, we have had other types of religious prayers here. And all my life, I have been exposed to other religions, and it has been good for me, and healthy for me. And Representative Paymar, that is why I don't want it to be sort of watered down to be, you know, non-whatever. I want to be able to be exposed to everything. So I want you to know why I believe we need to go back to giving some suggestions to the Speaker to make sure that our Chaplains are respectful and don't offend us by prayers that are allowed on this floor. But how we need to maybe make comments that we need to know what kinds of prayers are balanced and have more rabbis in here, and other religions in here. Because that is what is going to make us stronger, Members. And so, let's not get into us, you know, kind of, condemning other religious beliefs, but being tolerant of other religious beliefs. And that's why I am voting for this rule because I am not afraid of other religious beliefs or prayers. And by the way, Representative Lindner, every single morning, when I do my Liturgy of the Hours, the whole prayer is the Psalms. And the Old Testament is so precious to our faith. So I am really kind of, very kind of, offended myself to have those comments made about our, about the Jewish faith. Members, I wanted you to know why I am voting for this motion, this rule, because I like diversity of this prayer.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Any further discussion? The Member from Hennepin, Representative Van Dellen.

**Representative Van Dellen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too am pleased that this rule change is going to come up today. I have not spoken on this issue in the past, either last session when we changed the rule, or last time I believe when Rep. Reuter brought the issue up early in this session. But I do want to talk about it today, because I believe the outcome might be different.

First of all, a bit of a history lesson is in order for anyone who might be watching on television at home, or who might read about this in the newspaper tomorrow. Last year, when we changed this, at least it was my perception, that when we made the change that has been controversial and is being reversed today, it was my perception that the change, which was a change to a rule which, as Representative Lindner observed, is very old, over a hundred years old, regarding the order of the day and the prayer, and it was my perception the day we changed the rule early in the 1999 regular session, that the amendment came with little warning for at least many Members of the body, and that there was a considerable amount of confusion over what the new words meant, "non-denominational" and the other clause that was inserted into the rule, and that the voting occurred perhaps without full consideration or reflection of what those words necessarily meant. Of course, that reflection occurred after the change was made. And I think the majority decided, upon further reflection, and by that I mean the majority of the Members, not the majority Caucus, but the majority of the Members of the House, both Republican and Democrat, that the wording change was not what they wished, not what they desired, not that it did not have, necessarily, the intent that they desired, and - - but by that point it became too late for the majority to act to amend the rule back, and so today, because of the procedural posture in which this comes to us, we have that opportunity to let the majority decide, and I think it is important for the public of Minnesota to know that the majority will prevail here today, the majority of the House both Republican and Democrat, it is not a partisan issue, but that it is important that the majority will prevail on this issue as others in this representative democracy. That is the first point.

Secondly, I think it is also important, and it was perhaps only knowable upon reflection and experience following the change made in the session last year how the public would perceive the message sent by the body in making the change to the rule. And I can tell you that, as a church-going Christian member of this body, I went, when I went to church in the Sundays following the rule change last session, the clear perception among members not only of my church but my friends and neighbors and associates and acquaintances was that the purpose of the rule was to strike the name of Jesus Christ from any prayers that were conducted in the House. Now, I am not saying that is what the rule says, and I am not saying that that is what you all meant by changing the rule, or that any of you meant that, but that is what the public heard and read when they heard about this change. And it is important to consider what the public perceives to be our direction as their elected representatives. And we have to always keep in mind that, they are not here every day, they are home taking care of their children and working their jobs and raising their families, and we have to consider how they hear it, and how they read it, and they read it as being an offense to the name of Jesus Christ, and we have to do something to correct that, and I think that the rule that the Majority Leader has proposed, the change, will correct that misapprehension by the public.

Thirdly, and finally, Mr. Speaker, I think that we have again in the context of debating this rule become a bit ego-centric here in the House, thinking that the important issue is the diversity of this House, and that's not it. We're Representatives. We're agents for the people of the state, and the important issue is to respect the diversity of the citizens of the state of Minnesota. And I think, in my personal opinion, Mr. Speaker, that we do that not by homogenizing prayer, that we do that by celebrating that diversity by having a wide diversity of prayers at the podium to open our sessions every day, and I can tell you personally that it has helped me grow as a, not only as a person, not only spiritually, but also as a state, as opposed to a district or a parochial representative, as a State Representative, to hear a wide diversity of prayers that might not celebrate the same religion that I am from, but that provoke my thought and make me grow as a Representative, and I am glad that the Majority Leader has offered this rule change so that we can celebrate that diversity again. Thank you.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Hennepin, Representative Leppik.

**Chair Leppik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to divide the proposed rule change between lines 13 and 14, and take the second part first.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Leppik, I believe that that is divisible. Members of the body, Representative Leppik moves to divide the rule before us, the proposed rule, between lines 13 and 14 and asks that the second half, lines 14 and 15, be voted on first. There is stricken language in lines 14 and 15. Is that correct, Representative Leppik?

**Chair Leppik:** That is correct.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Okay, I believe that is divisible. We will do that. Representative Leppik, there will be a roll call vote on each half of the divided amendment. Is there any discussion to the second part of the amendment, lines 14 and 15, of the Rules Committee report? Representative Leppik?

**Chair Leppik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, when I was first elected 10 years ago, I had no intention of coming here to engage in a battle over religion. It was the last thing that I would want or expect to do. But I find myself very uncomfortably in the middle of this, because I simply cannot remain silent.

I am uncomfortable with it because this is the wrong place for such an argument to take place. This Capitol is the center of our Government, where we make laws that affect all the people of this state. We do pray here, before we take attendance for session, to ask for guidance, to reflect, to celebrate, to comfort.

We invite religious leaders and lay people to lead us in prayer. And we expect them to understand that we are a religiously-mixed group. Some are Christian. Most are Christian here. Some are Jewish. And some have other religious beliefs. We all bring our beliefs and our values here. They are part of who we are. But we don't have to impose our beliefs and particular sectarian expressions as a matter of course on others who do not share them.

We are each free to add whatever we would like, quietly, at the end of a prayer to adapt it to our own religious traditions, and to make it more personal. Some people say that respect and diversity come in the totality of the prayers that are heard over a period of time. And perhaps that is true. It would be true if we did regularly have other religions represented. But, in fact, we don't. Over ten years, I think I can count on one hand the number of times I have heard a rabbi lead us in prayer. I recall once hearing a Native American religious leader. Better that we show religious tolerance and respect on a daily basis, so that all who wish to participate can do so fully and in good conscience. I have heard people say, "if the prayer does not suit you, just don't come." Well, doesn't that defeat the purpose of bringing us all together, even if just for a moment, in prayer? Besides which, we all know we take pot-luck when we walk in the Chamber. We don't know what is going to be said in that prayer. It is a sad day when we, as the leaders of the people of this state, say we cannot tolerate a rule that asks that prayers respect the religious diversity of the House.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Is there any further discussion on the second part of the Rules Committee report before us? There is a roll call that has been requested. The Member from Dakota, Representative Wilkin.

**Representative Wilkin:** Point of parliamentary inquiry?

**Speaker Sviggum:** State your point of parliamentary inquiry.

**Representative Wilkin:** Could you tell Members what a "green" vote means on this?

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Wilkin, we are on the second part of the Rules Committee report, lines 14 and 15. A "green" vote would support lines 14 and 15, meaning those lines, the words "that respects the religious diversity of the House," would be stricken from the current rule.

**Representative Wilkin:** So if Members would like to adopt the Rules Committee report, they need to vote "green" on each of the next two votes?

**Speaker Sviggum:** That is correct, Representative Wilkin. The Member from Mower, Representative Leighton.

**Representative Leighton:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certainly encourage a "no" vote on this portion of the amendment. And, you know, would the Republican majority please let us know how many times we are going to need to debate our pre-session prayers? I mean, apparently this has become a top priority of the majority Caucus. This is the second time that we have dealt with this issue in this short session already. Last year, we spent hours debating pre-session prayers.

**Chairman Bishop:** Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker Sviggum:** For what purpose does the gentleman arise?

**Chairman Bishop:** Mr. Speaker, would you ask the gentleman to address the issue, not pull out politics? I am offended by his remarks that I have been in some way coopted by some Caucus or majority. I have spoken my position on it, Mr. Leighton, and I do not appreciate being considered. I am very much in favor of considering it, and if we have to do it for 10 hours, let us do it, or 10 days. But please do not coopt me, and call this a majority Republican issue. It is not.

**Representative Leighton:** Mr. Speaker, did Representative Bishop cite a rule?

**Speaker Sviggum:** No, Representative Leighton, he did not. Let us stick to the issue before us. The issue before us is, lines 14 and 15 of the Rules Committee report. Representative Leighton.

**Representative Leighton:** Mr. Speaker, I am going to try to focus my comments on this. This is an important issue. I agree with what Representative Leppik has said. I think she has shown some sensitivity on this issue. I can't say that about the majority of people on that side of the aisle. We have been through this exercise numerous times. The public expects some partisanship in this Chamber. We certainly should aggressively debate issues like education, issues like transportation, issues like taxes. We are now spending the second debate on pre-session prayers, and I think the public would be outraged. We need to focus on the important issues of this day. The point of the current language is to show some sensitivity to all Members in this body.

Representative Lindner, who is the Chairman of a Committee, and who is a leader in the Republican Caucus, said a few moments ago to Members of this body who are non-Christians that they should simply not be present on the Floor of the House of Representatives before the session starts if that is too much of a problem. You know, I think that that comment reflects the lack of sensitivity that the current language is meant to address. I believe that we should keep the current language. I think we need to show some respect for the diversity within the membership of this body. And I would hope that everyone would vote "no" on this portion of the amendment.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Is there any more discussion to the second part of the Rules Committee report? The Member from Dakota, Representative Pawlenty.

**Majority Leader Pawlenty:** Mr. Speaker and Members. Questions of politics and questions of religion generate strong feelings, and that is evident here today. Especially if the two get linked together, Representative Leighton, and I don't think this is about politics. And if you want to cite for Representative Bishop's point of order, it is Mason's Section 124 regarding motives of members. But beyond that, Mr. Speaker, we have a situation here, where our country obviously was founded on principles where individuals, in part, were fleeing religious tyranny. We have got Constitutional provisions that prohibit an establishment of religion. They allow, of course, the freedom of association of groups, including religious groups, and other provisions that are founded on the founding principles of this country, avoiding religious tyranny, avoiding the establishment of government-sanctioned, government-mandated religion.

Representative Paymar, you used the reference "impose religious views on you" in your remarks. And has been pointed out several times, the prayer that is offered here is when we are not in session. You can choose to not come, and come after the prayer, or wait out wherever you like, if you want. If you want to come, we can also make accommodations for the pastor to make a posting of what type of pastor is going to be here on a given day, so you know ahead of time what the nature of the prayer is.

But the larger point is this. I believe most members in this body want to embrace and respect diversity. They want to tolerate differences, whether they be religious differences or others. You want that, Representative Paymar. You want to tolerate religious differences. The frustration arises out of, I think, some confusing language from this prayer. Representative Bishop and others have said we have struggled to define what "non-denominational" is, and "respecting religious diversity," in the context of prayer. Let me give you an example. In the Christian faith, you can only pray to one God. You can only pray one way. And so it is not a prayer for the Christian Members of the Legislature to have a prayer from, say, a Member who worships Buddha. So that would, by definition, not respect our religious viewpoints. Similarly, if we have a Christian prayer that is in Jesus' name, that would be offensive to Members of the body who are Jewish, or of concern to you. And so we have a prayer rule that allows prayer, but it has to be a generic prayer which by definition by many faiths cannot be prayer. I mean you cannot have a, technically, Christian prayer, for example - - not to focus on that - - that is genericized. You cannot have a prayer by a Buddhist leader that respects the religious diversity of certain Members of the House. So we have a difficult situation. What we are suggesting as an alternative is to allow people of different faiths to come before the body, as we have traditionally. In the last session, for example, we had Lutheran and Catholic, and non-denominational, Alliance, with community churches, Jewish rabbis, Baptists and others come before the body. I have, again, spoken to the Speaker about this, to make a conscious effort to have pastors come that reflects religious diversity of the House. But it is difficult, if not impossible, to construct a prayer, an individual prayer, that respects the religious diversity of the whole House. That is all we are talking about. We are not talking about "imposing a religion," or being intolerant. So, again, each individual prayer, it is difficult to respect the diversity of the whole House, but over the course of the session, cumulatively, the prayers should. We agree with that, Representative Paymar, we agree with that. And we certainly are not here to be religiously intolerant or to have any form of religious tyranny. We don't want that. And I don't think this leads to that. It worked reasonably well for all the years that we've had it. There has not been a substantial change of practice. But the rule change did require a letter to go out to the pastors, again, that mandates that your prayer be inter-faith, ecumenical, not exclusionary of any faith, not focused on a denomination's distinctives, and it really makes it difficult to design a prayer that meets those definitions. And so, we are just trying to solve that problem. And I don't think we need to get into hysteria or finger-pointing. It is just allowing diversity in the context of the session.

If you are going to have diversity, Representative Paymar and others, you have got to allow it. You have got to allow it. You have to tolerate it. And if we are just going to have a generic, homogenous prayer, there is no diversity. And I believe you have enough room in your heart and in your perspective to allow diverse religious thought and other forms of diversity. So I hope this is put in proper context and that Members support the amendment as it originally came out of the Rules Committee.

**Chairman Abrams (on the dais):** The Member from Hennepin, Representative Kelliher.

**Representative Kelliher:** Members and Mr. Speaker. I do not rise often to speak, but I want to say that, if that is your intent, Mr. Majority Leader, then you will support what Representative Leppik is trying to do. Because I believe what she is trying to do gets at maybe where we should be. And when Representative Van Dellen raised that it should respect the diversity of Minnesota, I remember distinctly having that debate last year. We don't want to get into that debate. What we want to deal with here is the diversity of this body. And the respect of this body. I believe that when we, if we made the change, and we defeated this part of the change, and maybe made a reconsideration, some of us, on the other part of the change, that could accomplish much of the goal that many of you have spoken to. So I implore you to think about this, to give it your deepest thought, and to support Representative Leppik on this move, and to take away some of the fire and contention that has been around this debate, and to respect the diversity of the body. I ask for your "no" vote.

**Chairman Abrams (on the dais):** The Member from Ramsey, Representative Entenza.

**Representative Entenza:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, uh, Representative Pawlenty, I know you are on the phone, but I, I'll, I just want to address a couple of remarks, because actually, I agreed with most of your speech. I, I was glad to see the, uh, uh, the, a kinder and gentler tone coming out, um, and talking about respecting, uh, diversity. Uh, but then I'm confused by, your, uh, then calling for the passage of the second part of this amendment, because this says very clearly that we will be respecting religious diversity, but if we vote "green" on this, we are talking about removing that. And your arguments, I think, are about a different issue, a different part of the resolution coming out of the Rules Committee. When you look at this resolution, it comes from Section 1.01 of the Permanent Rules: the Convening of the House. In other words, when we are convening our body. And I am concerned, Representative Pawlenty, that your call for respecting diversity does not recognize the fact that we're, we've already had speeches here talking about the fact that people just shouldn't show up on the House floor. They should just stay away. They shouldn't be here for our convening. And I think if we want to respect our religious diversity, we need to make sure that we follow Representative Leppik's lead, and that we support this particular language.

Because we have already heard speeches on this House floor that make it clear that diversity apparently is not particularly well respected. And I think we need to make sure that we have very clear language that does respect it and I would urge a "red" vote on the second portion of this resolution.

**Chairman Abrams (on the dais):** The Member from Otter Tail, Representative Nornes.

**Representative Nornes:** Members, I just want to make a real short comment. I do consider this to be a serious issue, contrary to some others. I also consider it to be very serious to be in this body, to be a part of this Legislature. I feel it is a very, very high privilege. Since being elected to the House of Representatives, I have also thought it was a privilege to invite pastors from my district to come here, to be our guests, to lead us in prayer. And I have done that, every year. And I have talked to the Chaplain, and I have given him names of people that are in my district who would consider it a deep honor to come here. Until last year, when I received word from one of my friends who was a pastor of a church in my community, and he said he would not come here. And the reason for him not coming here is exactly the rule that we are voting on today. And I find right now very difficult, it is very difficult to invite others under this rule.

**Chairman Abrams (on the dais):** The Member from Sherburne, Representative Olson.

**Representative Olson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate Members taking the time to discuss this again. Representative Pawlenty referenced the Constitution and our rights. The Preamble of the Minnesota Constitution recognizes that "we, the people of the state of Minnesota, grateful to God for our civil and religious liberty." And of course, that is established in the federal Constitution. Under Article I, Section 2, Rights and Privileges, "No member of this state shall be disenfranchised or deprived of any of the rights or privileges secured to any citizen thereof."

My question to you, Members, is why, how is it right to take away my right to have someone say a prayer that is meaningful to me? How is that respectful, and not respectful to take away? Excuse me, why is it right to take away my right to have someone say a prayer that is meaningful to me? Why is that right?

I don't need to ask the other side of the coin. I don't need to reflect on what the other side of it is. You are talking about respect. You are talking about respecting the religious diversity of the House. What this is a good example of, is that you cannot put language in law that establishes diversity. You cannot simply write something that says "respect diversity," and it happens.

Because what we have experienced in this body since we have had this, is that some of us can no longer have someone come and pray a prayer that is meaningful to us. And you are saying that is "respectful of diversity." Instead, what it means is that certain religions cannot say a prayer, or have a prayer said that reflects their beliefs. But all other religions can.

And I do not understand how you are, I cannot see how you are saying that this language, if we left it as it is, would be respectful, because it literally means that some prayers cannot be said, but all others can. And it doesn't matter if it is the majority of the body's prayer, or if the minority's. Because what we had for over 140 years is the religious diversity of this House being respected.

I have heard prayers from the podium, from the Clerk's position, that did not respect my religious views. But I found it insightful. I found it beneficial. I found it insightful to experience, but it did not respect my religious views. And that is fine. It does not have to respect my religious views every day.

What was said earlier, that there should not be a matter of course. The language we have had established a matter of course. It established a House prayer. What we had for 140 years did not establish a House prayer. We had diversity. Everyone has had the right to ask for a clergy to come in, or a rabbi, or whatever, to come in and say a prayer for the body. And we have always respected the religious diversity of the House. And I hope that we will go back to that position. Thank you.

**Chairman Abrams (on the dais):** Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, a roll call has been requested. A "green" vote is to accept the second portion of the Rules Committee report. A "red" vote is to reject the second portion of the Rules Committee report. The Clerk will take the roll. The House is under Call. Members will please vote. The Clerk will call the absent Members. All Members having voted, the Clerk will close the roll. There being 71 "ayes" and 60 "nays," the second portion of the report of the Rules Committee is adopted.

We are now on the first half of the report of the Rules Committee. Is there any discussion? If not, a roll call has been requested. A "green" vote is in favor of the first portion of the report of the Rules Committee. A "red" vote is a vote against the first portion of the report of the Rules Committee. The Clerk will take the roll. Members will please vote. The House is under Call. The House is under Call. Members will vote. All Members having voted, the Clerk will close the roll. There being 79 "ayes" and 52 "nays," the first portion of the report of the Rules Committee is adopted.

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