MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Rules and Journal
Held in Room 510 , at the Statehouse at $1:45$ a.m./p.m., on
February 4, 1976 , 1973.
All members were present except:,,
Rep. Bower presided,,
Conferees appearing before the Committee were:

The Committee considered the following items:

The minutes were read and approved.

The committee discussed the resolution providing for the use of the voting machine for taking divisions of the assembly. Mr. Slattery raised the question of whether it should state there would be no recurring total on votes on division. The members of the committee agreed that this was a good idea, as 25 members can call for a roll call vote if a record of voting is desired.

Mr. Hayes suggested there was a need for a rule on the noise level in the House as it was worse this year than ever. Mr. Slattery and Mr. Tobias agreed. No formal action was taken.

The question of closed votes in caucus was discussed briefly.

Rep. Lawings proposal for further due process in expulsion and censure cases was discused. Mr. Bower read the present rule and the committee agreed that it was generally sufficient.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on February 5, 19736 at 8:30 a.m./p=m., in Room 175W.

These minutes were read and approved by the Committee on February 5, 197.6

John B. Banner Chairman