Approved: 4-11-97

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JOURNAL.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 8:00 a.m. on January 22, 1997 in Lounge-5 W of the Capitol.

All members were present. Staff present were Norman Furse, Janet Jones and Margaret Thompson. Introductions were made.

Chairperson Tanner asked what sort of minutes should be kept.

Janet Jones and Chairperson Tanner suggested only minutes on the motions and actions only. Without objection, it was decided to follow that policy. It was announced that the Speaker is anxious for committee to consider the House Rules as soon as possible. Norman Furse noted that we are operating under temporary rules.

Business: Joint Rules.

Discussion by Norman Furse and committe on Proposed Joint Rules - SCR 1603 followed.

Several editorial changes were introduced by the Revisor to make reading and understanding the joint rules easier.

Joint Rule 3, p. 4, is modified to specify the house of origin of a bill or concurrent resolution that is materially changed.

In Joint Rule 4, bill deadlines have been changed to place them earlier into the session, thus allowing more time for committee and other activity.

Joint Rules approved as amended. Motion made and seconded by Doug Mays and Mike O'Neal respectively.

The Revisor will put on final touches and the Chairman will hand it to Janet Jones.

Chairperson Tanner moved on to discuss House Rules.

Items discussed were floor vote, cellular phones and other matters.

Adjourned. Meeting 1-23-97 West Lounge - fifth floor - 8:00 a.m.