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**MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**  
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BILL OF RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 331

Date of Meeting: 1/20/72  
Hour of Meeting: 2:00 PM

Committee Chairman: Wade J. Dahood

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Subject of Meeting: Seminar Meeting with Rick Applegate

Roll Call:

Wade J. Dahood, Chairman	<u>present</u>
Chet Blaylock, V. Chairman	<u>present</u>
Bob Campbell	<u>present</u>
Dorothy Eck	<u>present</u>
Donald R. Foster	<u>present</u>
R. S. Hanson	<u>present</u>
George H. James	<u>present</u>
Rachell K. Mansfield	<u>present</u>
Lyle R. Monroe	<u>present</u>
Marshall Murray	<u>present</u>
Veronica Sullivan	<u>present</u>

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING: Rick Applegate

DISCUSSION:

This is a seminar meeting for the entire committee and Rick Applegate to acquaint themselves with Rick's research work, and for the Committee to better acquaint themselves with the Bill of Rights.

At last night's meeting of Committee Chairmen, Indian Ordinances were discussed. Rick will make a preliminary study of this and will have it ready by next week.

It was also noted that the deadline for the introduction of delegate proposals is February 3. The draft deadline for proposals is February 19.

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At the meeting last night it was also discussed whether or not to have a recess. It was felt the matter should be tabled for the next few weeks. The argument in favor of recessing - This is the people's convention, and the people are entitled to know what is going on and to give their viewpoints. On the other side of the question - the people are apprised of the issues and heard the issues during the campaign and are informed through the news media. To recess and go back to the people would be duplication. We decided not to make a decision until we see how the convention goes. We are probably trying to do too much too quickly. We should try to keep the people fully informed, and if they have questions, there are many ways of getting in touch with us. Tomorrow we will have a schedule from the president as to the times of Committee meetings and cutoff dates.

It was also discussed what type of election would be held for adoption of the new Constitution. It was stated that the longer we wait for an election, the less success will result. There will be time for our opposition to form and sway public opinion. It was agreed that it is too early to decide on a date yet.

Mr. Blaylock talked to Max Bacchus and he stated that there were to be no meetings on Fridays. We will have our Friday, Jan. 28 meeting on Saturday, Jan 29 at 10:30 A. M.

Mr. Campbell made a motion that we write to the president, Mr. Graybill, requesting that citizen suggestions regarding environmental issues be forwarded to the Bill of Rights instead of the Natural Resources Committee for our inspection. The motion was passed. Mr. Dahood dictated a letter (attached) which will be forwarded to Mr. Graybill following the meeting.

Mr. Dahood asked the Committee for their opinion as to whether the Chairman and Vice Chairman should or should not endorse proposals. It was decided that this should be left up to the individuals.

Rick Applegate then presented his work and went through it Chapter by Chapter in an effort to familiarize the Committee with it. (see attached)

At 3:30 we took a 15 minute recess.


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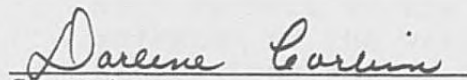
Rick was asked to do research on collective bargaining and labor unions and the right to work.

Mr. Foster wanted to stress that we make the Constitution as understandable as possible.

Mr. Dahood asked if everyone thought this seminar had been beneficial. It was the general consensus that it had been very helpful.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P. M.

  
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Wade J. Dahood, Chairman

  
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Secretary