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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
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BILL OF RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Place of meeting: Room 331

Date of meeting: 2/11/72

Hour of meeting: 9:45 AM

Committee Chairman: Wade J. Dahood

MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS  
COMMITTEE

Subject of meeting: To resolve unresolved issues.

Roll Call:

Wade J. Dahood, Ch.	<u>present</u>
Chet Blaylock, V. Ch.	<u>present</u>
Bob Campbell	<u>present</u>
Dorothy Eck	<u>present</u>
Donald R. Foster	<u>present</u>
R. S. (Bob) 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>

DISCUSSION:

The committee decided to table the environmental issue until we hear from the Natural Resources Committee.

Regarding the death penalty, Mr. Blaylock wants to leave it out of the Constitution. He feels the legislature should abolish it. Dorothy Eck moved and George James seconded the motion that we leave #27 as recommended in the rough draft. The motion passed.

In section 14 it was recommended that we add "In the event of litigation, just compensation to the full extent of the loss shall include necessary expenses of litigation to be awarded by the court when the private property owner is the prevailing party."

No final decision was made on the preamble. A sub-committee made up of Chet Blaylock, George James and Bob Campbell, Donald Foster and Dorothy Eck was assigned to study the various preambles.

It was announced that we will have a hearing on the 18 year old rights Monday, February 21, on the radio. Mr. Blaylock moved and Mrs. Mansfield seconded that we discuss two issues.

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The motion did not pass. Mr. Campbell moved and Mr. Murray seconded a motion that we only hear the 18 year old issue. Motion carried.

Mr. George Rollins spoke to the committee explaining his Preamble. He feels that the constitution is a political issue and this is the reason he took God's name out of it. He also made note that we are part of the Federal Government, and that we should be proud of it. He also feels that the citizens should have no responsibilities toward the state.

After a short recess, some decisions were made on the various sections of our article.

Section 11 - adopted as amended

Section 27 - adopted as amended

Section 28 - adopted as amended

Section 7 - The committee added 'slander' and decided to omit the last sentence and changed "speech and expression" to "speech or expression", and left "freely" out entirely. We decided to adopt it as amended.

Marshall Murray believes the entire section belongs in Natural Resources.

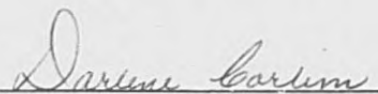
Section 1 - Mr. Blaylock moved that we leave the language as it is in the rough draft. Three voted for and eight against. It was decided to leave it as it is in the present document.

Section 2 - Adopted

Section 3 - some changes were made. Lyle Monroe moved that we adopt this section as amended. All members voted for this except Bob Hanson and Marshall Murray.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Wade J. Dahood, Chairman

  
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Secretary