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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 430-31

Date Meeting Held: 1/19/72
Hour Meeting Held: 8:10 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Thomas F. Joyce

MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Committee Preparation for meeting with Governor.

Roll Call:

Thomas F. Joyce, Chairman	<u>Present</u>
J. C. Garlington, Vice Chairman	<u>Excused</u>
Harold Arbanas	<u>Present</u>
Betty Babcock	<u>Present</u>
James R. Felt	<u>Present</u>
Fred J. Martin	<u>Present</u>
Richard B. Roeder	<u>Excused</u>
Margaret S. Warden	<u>Present</u>
Archie O. Wilson	<u>Present</u>

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation or Title</u>
NONE	

Chairman Joyce stated he proposed, at the Governor's request, to open the meeting and mention this hearing was at our request and announce the governor does not want to express any opinions as to what the convention should or should not do in regard to the Executive Branch. This is the responsibility of the convention. Also, he doesn't want to give the impression that his office is in any way attempting to influence the deliberations of the Constitutional Convention. The meeting will be very informal. He has not prepared a statement, but is will to answer questions. A decision as to just what questions will be asked is the purpose of this meeting.

The Chairman then suggested several questions which might be asked and the committee discussed these and many others at some length. It was then decided the members would sit in order of the questions to be asked. The order and these questions are as follows:

Mr. Garlington: Ask the governor to comment on the scope of the reorganization plan, how far it has progressed to date, and the means by which the principal economies have been identified and accomplished.

Mr. Martin: Can the transition problems of a new governor be improved by perhaps delaying the start of legislature to give him more time to get established.

Mrs. Babcock: Should the Lt. Governor and Governor be in the same party and run on the same ballot.

Mr. Arbanas: What improvements might be made in the veto powers of the governor.

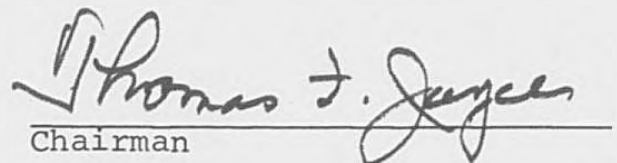
Mr. Felt: Ask the governor to comment on the possibilities of changing our present constitution to modify limitations placed on the governor and legislature regarding such things as the long range building program, and financial aid to cities, towns and counties.


Mrs. Warden: Inquire if the governor has had an adequate research staff and if he should have separate legal advisors other than the attorney general.

Mr. Wilson: Question the governor in respect to the funding of education and the dangers in the present system in Montana.

Dr. Roeder: Could more be done by interim legislative work.

Time of Adjournment: 9:00 a.m.


Chairman


Secretary