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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 430-31

Date Meeting Held: 1/20/72
Hour Meeting Held: 10:05 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Thomas F. Joyce

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: General Discussion

Roll Call:

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

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

Name

Occupation or Title

NONE

The Chairman opened the meeting by listing the topics to be discussed this morning. They are as follows:

- Report on the committee chairmans' meeting of last evening.
- Wm. Crowley's visit with the committee tomorrow afternoon.
- Difference between a meeting and a hearing.
- Suggestions as to how to run the committee.
- What hearings the committee should have.
- Sub-committees
- Assignments for the Student Intern.
- Utilization of the committee office.
- Working up an agenda.
- Proposed meeting with former Governor Babcock.

Chairman Joyce read a letter, for committee approval, which had been written to Governor Anderson thanking him for his appearance before the committee yesterday.

The Chairman then commented at some length as to the results of the committee chairmans' meeting of last evening. Topics discussed were the scheduling of hearings, how much time should be allowed for this purpose and the scheduling of night hearings. Recessing of the convention with many varied opinions being voiced was also discussed. The cutoff date for delegate and citizen proposals was tentatively scheduled for February 5. Tomorrow President Graybill is going to have a tentative plan as to what is to be done during the convention. It was thought sub-committees should be appointed to go out and talk with the people. The Chairman mentioned there are many citizen proposals that have come in and that these will be sorted according to subject matter and transmitted to the respective committees.

It has been arranged for Mr. William Crowley of the Executive Reorganization Commission to meet with the committee tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 p.m. He is scheduled to appear before the Judiciary Committee first so his appearance will be at his convenience. Mr. George Bousliman of the Commission will accompany him.

It was tentatively scheduled that former Governor Babcock will meet with the committee Saturday, January 29. Final plans regarding this hearing will be made in several days. Mr. Martin will contact former Governor Aronson concerning a possible hearing with him.

Utilization of the committee office was the next topic of discussion. It was decided copies of all Constitutional Convention information would be available and that the committee members were welcome to use the office at any time.

Suggestions were then given on how the committee should be run. It was felt that during the hearings there should be a specific seating arrangement, and if possible have name plates made for each member, however, a seating arrangement was not necessary during regular meetings. It was decided that for the next two or three weeks the committee would meet every afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and if needed each morning on adjournment of the convention.

Miss Karen Beck then informed the committee of the articles of the Constitution that have been assigned to the committee. They are Article II, Military Reservations; Article VII, Executive Department; and Article XIV, Military Affairs. It was mentioned that each committee member should have a copy of the Constitution at all meetings. Tentatively scheduled for next week Miss Beck will give her report on the Executive Article. A specific date will be arranged pending final printing of her report.

Mr. Felt then introduced Student Intern Blake Johnson.

Mr. Arbanas suggested the chairman appoint a sub-committee on style and drafting and it was decided that Messrs. Garlington and Roeder would act in this capacity.

An agenda was next discussed. It was felt the committee members should be going out and talking with various individuals to get ideas. It was mentioned that next Tuesday and Thursday meetings might be set up with all elected officials of the Executive Branch. Chairman Joyce and Vice Chairman Garlington will contact these people and arrange for hearings. Lengthy discussion was held concerning appearance of various boards and associations. It was decided that the Board of County Commissioners Association should be invited.

Mrs. Warden commented that there will be an Intern contacting committee chairman each day for a resume of daily activities, a copy of which will then be made available to each committee.

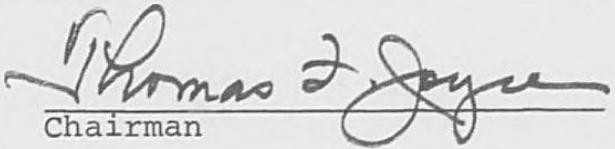
Discussion then commenced on how the committee could benefit in using the talents of John Crawford, Student Intern. Mr. Crawford mentioned he was very willing to do any research the committee might need. It was decided that he would look into the duties of the Lt. Governor in other states, particularly Mass. and Maryland, where the Governor picks the Lt. Governor and assigns duties full time. Also to research states where the legislature meets 60 days or later after the governor takes office.


Several sub-committees were discussed. One mentioned was on the Military Articles of the Constitution and the Chairman stated that any member interested in serving should contact him. Mr. Wilson suggested a sub-committee to attend other hearings, particularly the Legislative Committee hearings. Mr. Wilson was appointed for this duty.

Dr. Roeder asked that copies of Governor Anderson's testimony be made available to all committee members.

The Chairman reminded the committee of the hearing to be held at 8:00 p.m. tonight in the Senate Chambers at which time Dr. Roeder would speak on the proposal he expects to submit concerning the Executive Branch.

Time of Adjournment: 11:50 a.m.


Chairman


Secretary