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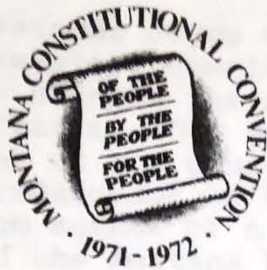
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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Senate Chambers

Date Meeting Held: 1/20/72
Hour Meeting Held: 8:15 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Thomas F. Joyce

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Dr. Roeder's presentation

Roll Call:

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

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation or Title</u>
Dr. Richard B. Roeder	Professor Montana State University

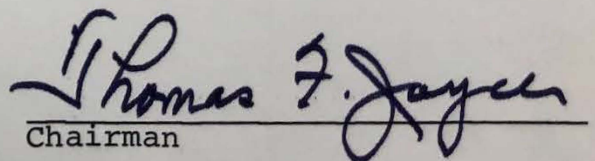
Thomas F. Joyce
Chairman

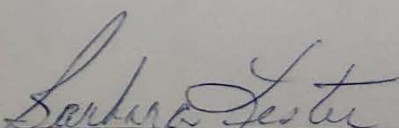
Chairman Joyce opened the meeting by introducing members of the Executive Committee of which Dr. Roeder is a member and volunteered to discuss the study he made with reference to the executive article. Dr. Roeder has a PhD from the University of Penn. and was on the Constitutional Revision Commission which was the predecessor of the Montana Constitutional Convention. He is also the author of a law review article which was recently published in the Montana Law Review. A copy of the revision of the Executive Article is attached as Exhibit A and forms a part of these minutes.

Dr. Roeder commenced his presentation by briefing those in attendance with some background information on the Constitutional Revision Commission, and the sub-committee studying the executive articles. The end result was the unified executive which calls for election of only the Governor and Lt. Governor and eliminating the five elected officials; attorney general, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer and superintendent of public instruction. It also proposes that the governor should have the power, subject to legislative approval, of moving administrative functions from one agency to another. It also would do away with the state examiner, state prison commission and board of examiners. Proposes to retain the veto power of the governor minus the pocket veto, and lengthen the time the governor has to look over bills after legislature. It would enable the legislature to call itself back into session, a power which six states now have. He then listed three checks on executive power. These being a strong legislative branch in which the governor can be controlled through the power of the pursestrings and through legislative audits, the two-party system and spotlighting the governor - if he has complete authority, he will succeed or fail on the record of the entire executive branch.

A brief question and answer period followed which included the question of a bicameral legislature, and duties of the Lt. Governor. It was mentioned that three states have the short ballot, Hawaii, Alaska and New Jersey. Also discussed was some kind of merit system to be developed for job security, and if elections should be held in off years from the national election year.

Time of Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary