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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 430-31

Date Meeting Held: 1/21/72
Hour Meeting Held: 2:00 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Thomas F. Joyce

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: General Committee Meeting and Hearing with
Mr. William Crowley and Mr. George Bousliman

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>Excused</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>
William Crowley	Law Professor University of Montana
George Bousliman	Executive Reorganization Commission

Chairman Joyce informed the committee of the following topics which he proposes to bring before them this afternoon. They are:

- Report on the Joyce-Garlington sub-committee concerning hearings with elected executive officials.
- Firm plans on the meeting with former Governor Babcock.
- A proposed joint meeting with the Education Committee.
- Handling of citizen proposals.
- Discussion of military affairs assignments the committee has received.
- Schedule of convention and coming events.
- Discussion pertaining to other individuals the committee should meet with, set time of Miss Beck's presentation, and report on former Governor Aronson's availability.
- Mr. Crowley's presentation to committee at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Gralington reported that Attorney General Woodahl would meet with us next Tuesday, January 25 at 2:00 p.m. and Secretary of State Murray at 3:00 p.m. to discuss in general the duties of their offices. On Thursday, January 27 at 2:00 p.m. Auditor Omholt will be here and at 3:00 p.m. Treasurer Stephenson will appear. The committee will meet jointly Wednesday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m. with the Education Committee to hear State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dolores Colburg. Hearings still to be scheduled are with the Lt. Governor, Railroad and Public Service Commission, State Examiner, and State Board of Equalization. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will continue to schedule the remaining people.

The hearing with former Governor Babcock has been scheduled for next Saturday, January 29, but a definite time has not as yet been established, due to arrangements of television coverage. Messrs. Martin and Roeder and Mrs. Babcock and Mrs. Warden were appointed as a sub-committee to make whatever arrangements were needed concerning this. Mr. Martin reported that former Governor Aronson would not be able to appear before the committee.

A rather lengthy discussion began on the handling of citizen proposals. The Chairman commented that at the present time we have eight of these proposals, several of which were read. It was decided these proposals should be acknowledged individually, unless many more were received and a form letter would be devised. It was also decided a master list would be prepared and on file in the committee office listing from who and where they were from, subject matter, action taken and acknowledgement. Comment was made that duplicate copies of these proposals be made for each committee member but was decided this would be too expensive. Mrs. Warden then moved that duplicate copies of citizen proposals not be made unless an individual committee member would like a copy of a particular proposal from his district. A voice vote was taken and passed.

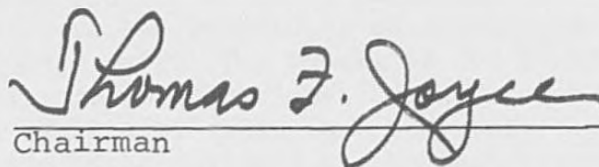
The next topic to be taken up was that of a schedule of coming events. Next week's hearings were again mentioned. Deadline for delegate proposals is February 3 and February 16 for our proposal. February 9 is the Romney hearing, 7:00 p.m. in the committee room for the general public. It is hoped that next week Miss Beck's presentation can be heard and also to get into the current articles

that have been assigned to the committee.

The committee was then introduced to Mr. William Crowley and Mr. George Bousliman of the Executive Reorganization Commission. Mr. Crowley began his testimony by giving a brief history on reorganization, stating there were approximately two hundred departments in the state, with no official directory of the branches of the executive department as to what the duties of the various divisions were or how they were accomplished. He then passed out a memorandum to committee members listing recommendations and comments which were discussed in great detail. A copy of this memorandum is attached as Exhibit A and forms a part of these minutes. He concluded his testimony by informing the committee that the reorganization office has a very competent staff and would be willing at any time to be of assistance.

The floor was then open for questions by committee members. Topics of discussion included duties of the legislative auditor, removal of the constitutional status of the State Board of Equalization, the need for citizens groups to let various departments know problems arising outside the department. Some type of Civil Service system which would give individuals security in their job was mentioned, also explanation of the reorganization chart pertaining mainly to boards, bureaus and quasi-judicial boards, staggered appointments of boards which now under the new twenty-department system gives the governor enough appointments on boards to help him. Discussed at some length were finding areas of economy in state government and the possible overlapping of duties in various departments; also problems involved in regard to the board structure. Other topics pertained to departments that have become so large they don't lend themselves to executive control, in which case the legislature should be given all the power it needs to deal with such a problem; better interim legislative staffing for research and investigation was also stressed. Mr. Crowley discussed briefly the retainer system various departments have with attorneys versus the full time attorneys from the attorney general's office.

Time of Adjournment: 5:40 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary