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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 430-31

Date Meeting Held: 2/4/72

Hour Meeting Held: 2:40 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Thomas F. Joyce

THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Meeting with Superintendent of Public Instruction

Roll Call:

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| 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>Present</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> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Delores Colburg | Superintendent of Public Instruction |

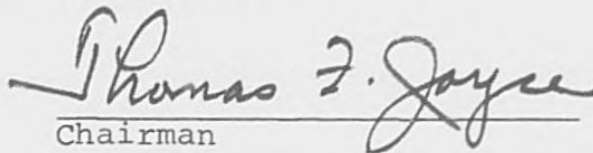
This afternoon Superintendent of Public Instruction Delores Colburg appeared for a general discussion with committee members concerning her feelings in regard to the office of Superintendent. She left with the committee three statements which are attached as Exhibits A, B, and C which was testimony she had given at other committee hearings.


Only questions were asked by the committee which pertained to her role on the Land Board and the Board of Education. She stated she would prefer to be taken off the Board of Education as a voting member; also that the Land Board and Board of Education remain in the constitution. Her office is mainly concerned with primary and secondary levels of education and has little to do with the University System. It was mentioned that her duties are all statutory. Also discussed was the growth of her office, which has come about mainly due to all the federal programs and funding that have been initiated in the last few years. Mrs. Colburg is definitely in favor of an elected superintendent and an appointed board. A brief discussion was held as to how her office decides whether to take part or reject federal programs that are offered.

Mr. Wilson then mentioned that the Legislative Committee had asked that this committee attempt to resolve the veto issue in our article.

The Romney Hearing scheduled for February 9 in Convention Hall was discussed briefly.

Time of Adjournment: 4:30 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary