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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Governor's Reception Date Meeting Held: 2/5/72
Room and Room 430-31 Hour Meeting Held: 1:30 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Thomas F. Joyce

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

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

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>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>
Geoffrey L. Brazier	Constitutional Convention Delegate
Roy G. Crosby, Jr.	Citizens for Constitutional Government
Donald A. Garrity	Lawyer
Robert L. Kelleher	Constitutional Convention Delegate

The first to testify at the public hearing this afternoon was Geoffrey L. Brazier, Convention delegate speaking on Proposal 110. This proposal pertains to limiting the number of times a person may succeed himself in office which in this case is no more than three consecutive terms. It was mentioned that one disadvantage is that possibly it restricts somewhat the freedom of choice in who the people want. He stated this proposal might also be referred to several other committees such as General Government, Local Government, Judicial or Legislative. He closed by asking the committee to give serious consideration to his proposal.

A very brief question and answer period followed regarding the referral to other committees and the question whether this would apply to all levels of government such as city and county. Mr. Brazier stated that was the intent, however, it could be made restrictive.

Next to testify was Mr. Roy G. Crosby, Jr., representing the Citizens for Constitutional Government and was appearing on Proposals 77 and 107. His prepared statement is attached as Exhibit A and forms a part of these minutes. Questions by committee members pertained mainly to the articles regarding the military.

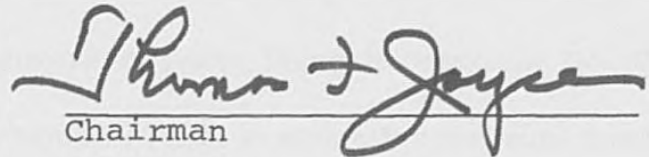
Mr. Don Garrity testified next as a proponent to Proposal 136 which concerns a new constitutional article providing for a parliamentary form of government. Under this proposal the state would have both a strong executive and strong legislature because they would be lodged in one body. It would be appealing in the fact that the responsibility of the leadership of the majority could be called to account in parliament in open sessions before the public; also the parliamentary system would be more issue oriented and elections would be less a contest of personalities. It would no longer be a prime requisite that the candidate have the ability to raise the money for a campaign. He suggested that possibly in Section 5 the language could be ruled out pertaining to the parliament choosing a chief executive from the members, which would give the option of choosing a leader from the outside. Other elective officials could be chosen from the parliament. The only question asked Mr. Garrity was whether in this country would this form of government be unconstitutional and it was felt it would not.

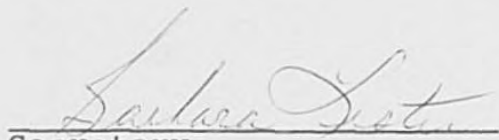
Last to testify was Robert Kelleher principal sponsor of Proposal 136. Mr. Kelleher briefly spoke on the historical background of the parliamentary form of government. In this form of government you would not have the conflict between legislature and executive when different political parties are involved. He asked the committee for their serious consideration on the proposal. Very brief question and answer period followed.

The Chairman mentioned that as Mr. Blaylock, principal sponsor of Proposal 25 and Jerome Cate, principal sponsor of Proposal 39 were not able to attend that they would have an opportunity to appear before the committee at a later date, however, these proposals would not be posted officially for another hearing date.

The committee then recessed briefly and returned to the committee room to tabulate the questionnaire that was voted upon yesterday. A copy of this tabulated questionnaire is attached as Exhibit B.

Time of Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary