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**MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**  
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 430-31

Date Meeting Held: 2/9/72  
Hour Meeting Held: 10:00 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Thomas F. Joyce

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

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Testimony on Delegate Proposals and General Discussion.

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>Excused</u> |

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

| <u>Name</u>              | <u>Occupation or Title</u>        |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jerome Cate              | Convention Delegate               |
| Sidney Smith, Commission | Department of Labor and Industry  |
| Chad Smith, Attorney     | Montana School Boards Association |
| Ed Shannon               | Student Intern                    |

The committee briefly discussed the Romney Hearing that is scheduled for this evening at 7:00 p.m. The Chairman then informed the committee of those persons scheduled to testify this morning.

First to appear was Mr. Sidney Smith, Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry. His prepared statement is attached as Exhibit A and forms a part of these minutes. Brief question and answer period followed concerning eight hour work day and reorganization.

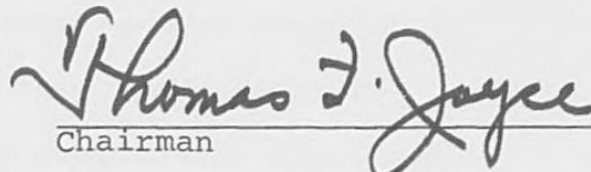
Next to appear was Delegate Jerome Cate who spoke on his proposal 39 providing for a Wage Commission. He stated he wanted to take the problem of setting the salaries of state officials away from the legislature. He felt the governor should be the highest paid official in the state. Also all other elected officials' salaries are very inadequate. Basic problems with judicial is the inadequate compensation for the judges. It was felt less competent attorneys become judges because of the low salaries. It was stated it probably could be established by statute, but felt the governor could appoint a nine member board, three from each branch of state government. This commission would present to the legislature a schedule of salaries. This was not intended to cover state employees.

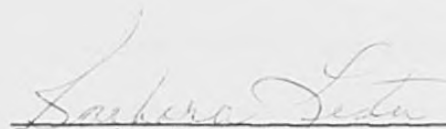
Ed Shannon, Student Intern testified for Delegate McKeon in regard to Delegate Proposal 152 which merely repeals Article XIV which deals with the military. It is felt this article is too wordy and is covered under state and federal statute and also under section 6 of the Executive Article which gives the governor power to be commander in chief of the state militia.

Last to appear this morning was Chad Smith representing the Montana School Boards Association. In essence he stated the Association wanted to retain the one Board of Education and appoint the superintendent. He felt by appointing the superintendent the state could get the best qualified person for the job. Also there should not be a term limitation on the job, but the individual would serve at the pleasure of the board.

Chairman Joyce then passed out copies of the Report of the Executive Committee which had been prepared for the Romney Hearing. This report was discussed briefly and a copy is attached as Exhibit B. Also discussed briefly was the format to be used at the hearing this evening.

Time of Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary