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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Convention Hall

Date Meeting Held: 2/9/72

Hour Meeting Held: 7:30 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Thomas F. Joyce

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

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Public Hearing on all aspects of Executive Article

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>
Dr. Richard Roeder	Executive Committee Member
Harold Arbanas	Executive Committee Member
Betty Babcock	Executive Committee Member
Archie Wilson	Executive Committee Member
Frank Murray	Secretary of State
E. V. "Sonny" Omholt	State Auditor
Jean Anderson	League of Women Voters of Montana
Roy G. Crosby, Jr.	Citizens for Constitutional Government
Carol Mitchell	Montana Common Cause
Robert Kelleher	Convention Delegate

The hearing was called to order by Chairman Joyce welcoming all delegates and citizens, and introduced all committee members. He read the report the committee had prepared and gave a few preliminary remarks on how the committee had been operating, and mentioned the several other committees which are tied in with the Executive Article.

The first to speak was Delegate Roeder on his proposal 77, which deals with electing only the governor and lieutenant governor. Dr. Roeder spoke on this proposal previously and in general his same remarks are contained in the minutes of January 20.

Delegate Arbanas was next to speak on his proposal 107. His proposal would put the governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general running for office as a team. Also the proposal would give the governor a full month in office before the legislature convenes. He is also very much in favor of the amendatory veto. Mentioned too was a provision for some form of merit system for state employees.

Delegate Betty Babcock then spoke on proposal 170. Her prepared statement is attached as Exhibit A and forms a part of these minutes.

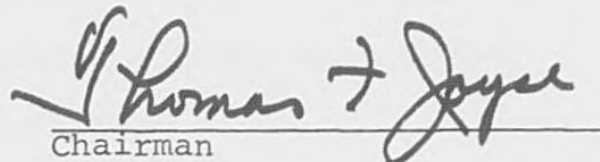
Archie Wilson was next to testify on his proposal 170, which pertains to retaining all the presently constituted elected officials, stressing the fact it is the right of the people of this state to elect these officials to represent them. He felt further duties of the state auditor should be spelled out in the constitution.

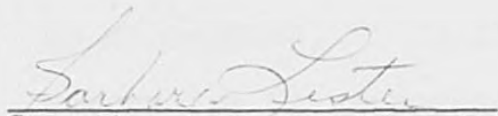
Secretary of State Frank Murray and State Auditor E. V. "Sonny" Omholt were next to speak. Both these men have appeared before the committee before and in essence felt their offices should remain elective.

Those next to speak in order were Mrs. Jean Anderson from Billings, representing the League of Women Voters, Mr. Roy Crosby, Jr., Missoula representing the Citizens for Constitutional Government and Mrs. Carol Mitchell, Helena representing Montana Common Cause. All of these witnesses had prepared statements which are attached as Exhibits B, C, and D.

Delegate Kelleher spoke briefly on his proposal 139 which calls for a parliamentary form of government.

Time of Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary