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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 430-31

Date Meeting Held: 2/22/72
Hour Meeting Held: 5:00 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Thomas F. Joyce

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

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Discussion of Delegate Felts proposed amendment.

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>
NONE	

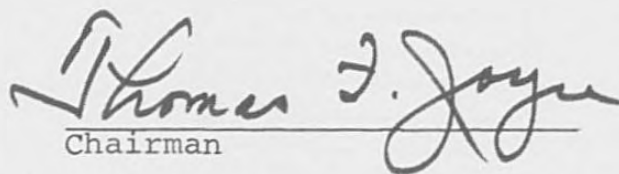
The purpose of this meeting was to allow Delegate Felt time to inform the committee of an amendment concerning an auditing system, that he plans to submit on the floor.

Mr. Felt expressed his appreciation to the committee for taking time to meet for this purpose. He felt something should be spelled out in the constitution concerning external auditing in state government. He wanted this person to be an elected official to protect the rights of the people. The closest thing we have now as to what he would want done is the Comptroller General in federal government. He stated an auditing procedure of this type would prevent corruption and there is also good political support for it. It's basically good business practice to have such a function in state government.

Delegate Dave Drum of the Revenue and Finance Committee spoke briefly saying in essence he felt there was definitely a need for an office such as Delegate Felt proposes. He commented that during testimony in their committee they found that it's entirely possible now in the investment function of the state for an individual to steal.

Brief discussion followed concerning just where in the article this amendment could be placed.

Time of Adjournment: 5:45 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary