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GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT COMMITTEE

Room 410, Capitol Building

January 20, 1972
10:10 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Mark Etchart

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT
AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT COMMITTEE

Discussion on Boundaries, Oath of Office, Lotteries, Distribution of powers, constitutional revision, and General federal-state relations as outlined in Ordinance I, 5 and 6 of the Montana Constitution.

Roll Call:

Mark Etchart, Chairman	Present
Paul K. Harlow, V. Chairman	Present
Don E. Belcher	Present
Bruce M. Brown	Present
Lyman W. Choate	Present
Otto T. Habedank	Present
Peter Lorello	Present
Robert Vermillion	Present

Meeting recessed at 12 noon until 2:30 p.m. the same day.

Mr. Habedank was excused from the afternoon meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The FOURTH meeting of the General Government and Constitutional Amendment Committee was called to order by Chairman Etchart at 10:10 a.m. January 20, 1972 in Room 410. The secretary called roll and the minutes were read. Mr. Choate moved that Initial lottery proposals 1, 2, and 3 be stricken out of the minutes of the Third meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Committee members will leave telephone numbers where they can be reached this weekend.

Article X, Sections 2, 3, and 4 were assigned to this committee.

February 3, 1972 is the last day to put in any delegate proposals.

Committee work is to be completed between the dates of February 15 and 19, 1972, tentative dates.

Each committee will have public meetings and hearings in accordance with Mr. Romney's rule.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Vermillion brought up the subject of having public testimony over the telephone. Only one subject at a time would be heard as testimony. Mr. Belcher moved to proceed with Mr. Vermillion's idea of public testimony and to leave the details up to Mr. Vermillion. The motion was seconded and carried.

Chairman Etchart assigned Initial Working Proposals to committee members. Mr. Brown is assigned to Article I on Boundaries. Mr. Harlow is assigned to Article XIX, Section 1 on Oath of Office. Mr. Belcher is assigned to Initial Lottery Working Proposal No. 1 on Article XIX, Section 2. Mr. Choate is assigned to Initial Lottery Working Proposal No. 3 on Article XIX, Section 2. Each member assigned to an Initial Proposal is to draw up a Delegate Proposal on his assignment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Distribution of Powers was brought to the attention of the committee. Jim Grady read his report on the Separation of Powers and the committee discussed whether to take this section out or leave it in the constitution.

Jim Grady read his report on Constitutional Revision. Mr. Choate moved that Jim Grady be commended for his work on preparing the fine paper on Constitutional Change. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at noon and reconvened at 2:30 p.m the same day.

Jim Grady continued with his report on Constitutional Revision. Article XIX, Sections 8 and 9 were discussed and compared with the same article from the constitutions of Alaska, Hawaii, Michigan and Puerto Rico. It was felt that the qualifications of delegates should be left in the suffrage section and the convention rules of procedure should be left as it is.

The topic of General Federal-State Relationships regarding Ordinance I, Sections 5 and 6 was brought up. Mr. Etchart and our research analyst will check with the legal staff before proceeding.


Mr. Belcher moved that the committee pass consideration on Ordinance I, Sections 5 and 6 until further investigation was done. Motion was seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

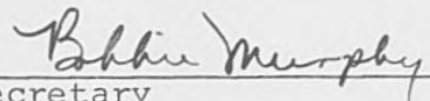
Article X, Sections 2, 3 and 4 were considered. Mr. Belcher suggested that Section 2 be eliminated entirely; Section 3 be changed and Section 4 should be eliminated entirely. Mr. Belcher will draw up a proposal.

Jim Grady read Article IX, Section 1 on suffrage and he will make a report on it.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



Mark Etchart, Chairman



Secretary