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GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT COMMITTEE

Room 410, Capitol Building

January 28, 1972
1:30 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Mark Etchart

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

Review of last weeks work; general discussion

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 "Pete" Lorello	Present
Robert Vermillion	Present

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Don Scanlin	Billings	Delegate

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The NINTH meeting of the General Government and Constitutional Amendment Committee met at 1:30 p.m. January 28, 1972 in Room 410. Chairman Etchart called the meeting to order and the secretary took roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes stand approved as corrected: Mr. Crosby was the witness.

Mr. Habedank moved that the present method of taking minutes be continued. It was seconded and carried.

Delegate Don Scanlin testified regarding Proposals 24 and 28. He wants to support Mr. Choate's Proposal No. 24 because it says gambling shall not be included in the constitution. He is opposed to the intent behind Proposal No. 28. Mr. Choate said he thinks it is a legislative matter and maybe with a referendum they could decide if the people want gambling. Just because the constitution doesn't mention gambling, doesn't mean they are legalizing it.

Mr. Belcher said his proposal gives the people a chance to decide. Mr. Scanlin thinks the fewer words in the constitution the less argument it will get. Mr. Belcher asked Mr. Scanlin if he thought Mr. Choate's Proposal No. 24 as he as written it would be more appealing to the public then Proposal No. 28. He thought it would. Mr. Belcher said he thought No. 24 was good if the people would accept it.

Mr. Etchart wants the delegates heading up a proposal to go through the citizens proposals that pertain to their particular proposal so all the information can be coordinated.

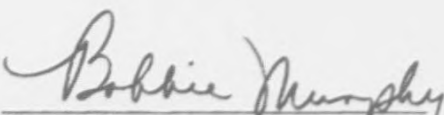
Mr. Brown will appear before the Bill of Rights Committee on suffrage. Mr. Habedank, Mr. Harlow and Mr. Etchart will meet with the Legislative Committee informally and then with Mrs. Blend and the Local Government Committee for coordination of the proposals.

It was decided that Mr. Brown would draw up a new proposal eliminating the boundaries of Montana completely. Mr. Choate mentioned that Proposal No. 29 regarding school elections is also referred to the Education Committee and this might need to be coordinated.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 29, 1972.



Chairman, Mark Etchart



Secretary