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**MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**  
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT COMMITTEE

Room 410, Capitol Building

January 29, 1972  
10:00 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Mark Etchart

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

Public Hearings on Lotteries

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

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Bob Durkee	2020 Lockey, Helena	Lobbyist for Montana Taverns Association
Frank Freeberg	Great Falls, Mont.	Montana Coin Operators

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The TENTH meeting of the General Government and Constitutional Amendment Committee met at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 29, 1972 in Room 410. Chairman Etchart called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and the minutes were read. The minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Bob Durkee, lobbyist for the Montana Taverns Association, testified on lotteries. His organization agrees with Proposal No. 24 that there be no mention of gambling in the constitution as there are adequate laws on the books concerning gambling. Mr. Brown asked if the people are against gambling but not against removing the mention of gambling from the constitution, would Mr. Durkee mind if this section was delayed in being put into effect? He said no. If it is deleted there wouldn't be any stand on solving any financial problems of the state. It was stated that this would be up to the legislature. Mr. Brown is going to check on the legal position if this section is taken out of the constitution as to whether the old laws would be in effect. (See attachment #1).

Mr. Frank Freeburg, lobbyist for the Montana Coin Operators, testified regarding Section 2 of Article XIX that it be amended so as to permit certain forms of lottery and other games of chance. (See attachment #2 for written testimony).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

*Mark Etchart*  
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CHAIRMAN

*Bobbie Murphy*  
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SECRETARY