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

Room 410, Capitol Building

February 9, 1972  
9:15 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Mark Etchart

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

Romney Hearing

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>
Ernest Post	Helena	Director, Committee on Political Education for Montana AFL-CIO

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The EIGHTEENTH meeting of the General Government and Constitutional Amendment Committee was called to order by Chairman Etchart Wednesday, February 9 at 9:15 in Room 410. The secretary took roll.

Mr. Ernest Post, Director of the Committee on Political Education for the Montana AFL-CIO Office testified in favor of Proposal 178. He doesn't think there should be a registration requirement in the constitution. He thinks 30 days is fine but he thinks a voter should be able to go to the polls and register and then vote. He said it is hard for the average person to register because the Clerk and Recorder's Office is closed on Saturdays and is only open during the regular working hours and many people can't get off to register. (See attachment#1).

Mr. Belcher moved that we table Proposal 62 until the committee gets the temporary draft from the Legislative Committee. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it was carried.

It was stated that Delegates sponsoring Proposals 115 and 130 were satisfied with our proposal but would like their thoughts mentioned in our report.

Mr. Choate moved that this committee stand behind Delegate Proposal 82 and come out with a recommendation that it be accepted. The motion passed with Mr. Vermillion and Mr. Lorello voting against.

Mr. Habedank read his Proposal, then the committee went through section by section to get everyone's opinion.

Section 1, Subsection 1 - All agree; Subsection 2 - All agree; Subsection 3 - All agree; Subsection 4 - All agree; Subsection 5 - All agree; Subsection 6 - All agree; Subsection 7 - All agree with amendment.

Section 2 - All agreed after the title was changed to Constitutional Amendment and Section 1's title was changed to Constitutional Convention. Subsection 1 - All agree; Subsection 2 - All agreed with amendment;

Section 3 - All agree on changing the percent from 10% to 15% and everyone agreed except Mr. Habedank to take the legislative provision out.

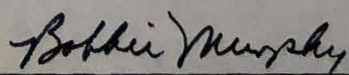
Section 4 - All agree.

Section 5 - All agree.

Section 6 - All agree.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

  
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CHAIRMAN

  
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SECRETARY