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### JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 413, Capitol Building, Helena, Montana

Date Meeting Held: January 25, 1972

Hour Meeting Held: 10:30 A.M.

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## Roll Call:

David L. Holland, Chairman Present Mrs. Catherine Pemberton, Vice-Chairman Present Cedor B. Aronow Present Ben E. Berg, Jr. Present Mrs. Jean M. Bowman Present Leslie "Joe" Eskildsen Present Rod Hanson Present J. Mason Melvin Present John M. Schiltz Present

### DISCUSSION:

Chairman Holland called the meeting to order and advised members that the committee recommendations report would be due on February 13, 1972, and it would be advisable to poll the committee on their feelings as to the so called "Montana Plan" with and without modifications and the Judicial Article with and without modifications and specifically poll the members' present thinking as to the attached questions. The main reason for this was to approve sections and coordinate thinking. It was stressed that this thinking would not restrict the members in changing their views, but was only to assist in determining feelings and in drafting a judicial plan and in enabling committee to work on drafting a judicial article section by section.

The committee then discussed citizen suggestions and decided that a letter would be drafted and sent to all people at a later date. Chairman Holland mentioned the possibility that the interns would tabulate the suggestions for the committee's consideration and assistance. Mrs. Bowman requested that the duties of clerk of court for district and Supreme be explained and such was done. Chairman Holland reminded the members of hearings set for tomorrow.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

D.L. Holland, Chairman

Ellen McCarthy, Secretary