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# MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 434

Date Meeting Held: 1/17/72  
Hour Meeting Held: 11:00 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Magnus Aasheim

### MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Organizational

#### Roll Call:

Magnus Aasheim, Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Jerome T. Loendorf, V. Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Grace Bates	<u>Present</u>
Daphne Bugbee	<u>Present</u>
Jerome J. Cate	<u>Present</u>
George Harper	<u>Present</u>
Torrey B. Johnson	<u>Present</u>
Robert Lee Kelleher	<u>Present</u>
John H. Leuthold	<u>Present</u>
Richard A. Nutting	<u>Present</u>
Arlyne E. Reichert	<u>Present</u>
Mae Nan Robinson	<u>Present</u>
Miles Romney	<u>Present</u>
Carman Skari	<u>Present</u>

#### INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

Name

Occupation or Title

NONE

Chairman Aasheim called the meeting to order. He introduced the committee secretary, Judy Pratt, research analyst, Rich Bechtel, and intern, Steve Jones. As members answered roll call they told a little about themselves. Chairman Aasheim stressed members punctuality at all committee meetings. A definite meeting was not set. The committee is the biggest one and will probably have most of the work. When members are speaking each should give him their attention. A member should make his statements brief but comprehensive. The suggestion was made whether the entire committee report should be presented on the floor in a package.

Chairman Aasheim announced the sub-committee members. If anyone wanted to change they should tell him. They are:

Legislative Procedures: Miles Romney  
John Leuthold

Unicameral: George Harper  
Daphne Bugbee  
Arlyne Reichert  
Mae Robinson

Bicameral: Bob Kelleher  
Torrey Johnson  
Jerry Loendorf  
Dick Nutting

Reapportionment: Carman Skari  
Grace Bates  
Jerry Cate

Mr. Cate moved that the chairman be given permission to appoint sub-committees as he saw fit. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Bugbee suggested that the committee be given a list of criteria to follow.

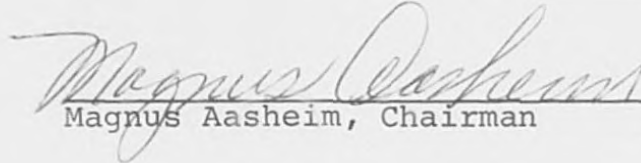
The chairman told the members that the research analyst should take part in the discussions. He will not have a vote. The intern will listen to committee discussion, but could make comments when asked.

The chairman brought up the idea of how the committee results should be brought to the people. He explained the way North Dakota presented their ideas to the people. Mr. Romney briefly explained the proposal he will present to the Rules Committee so as each committee hearing would be at a different time and all members could participate in each hearing. That method would take 10 days. It was decided to start this committee's hearings next Monday or Tuesday. Specialists in the various fields would be invited to attend the public hearings first and then appear at later hearings for further testimony. The sub-committees should work first. The idea of a recess after the fourth week or in May was discussed. Members were encouraged not to be repetitious with their remarks.

Mrs. Bates explained the questionnaire she had sent to 1,000 different organizations throughout the state. She has had 250 replies to date. (See Exhibit A)

It was decided that the committee should meet 10 minutes after the Rules Committee adjourned.

Time of Adjournment: 12:10 p.m.

  
Magnus Aasheim, Chairman

  
Judy Pratt, Secretary