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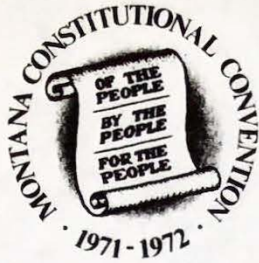
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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 434
House Chambers--Public Hearing
Committee Chairman: Magnus Aasheim

Date Meeting Held: 1/29/72
Hour Meeting Held: 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Public Hearing on Reapportionment.

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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation or Title</u>
Thomas E. Towe	Attorney
Dr. Ellis Waldron	UM Professor
Miss Randi Hood	Student, UM
Jack Gunderson	State Representative

NAME: Thomas E. Towe DATE: 29 Jan '72

ADDRESS: 2640 Burlington, Billings, Mont.

PHONE: 656-2163 - home 252-3486

REPRESENTING WHOM? Myself only

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: Single Member Districts

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: Single member districts are fair.

" " " provide for better accountability.
- Survey in Billings shows that only
2 out of 136 knew all there legislators. - How can these
legislators be effectively accountable

I suggest a commission form of reapportionment.
A legislative commission with a tie breaker to present a
plan to legislature which becomes effective automatically unless
another plan is adopted by a 2/3rds vote.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Jack Henderson DATE: Jan 29

ADDRESS: Power, Montana

PHONE: 463-2261

REPRESENTING WHOM? self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: Apparment

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Ellis Waldron DATE: Jan 29

ADDRESS: University of Montana, Missoula

PHONE: _____

REPRESENTING WHOM? self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: reapportionment

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: Propose single-member districting in unicameral legislature;
reapportionment to be performed by bipartisan special reapportionment
commission; and legislative article to provide for districts compact
and contiguous of substantially equal populations; legislature to be
limited in size by constitution, to 75-90 members serving overlapping
four-year terms.

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"Some Realities and Some Myths about "county Integrity" in Montana Legislative Reapportionment" was distributed to members of the committee. Copies are available for distribution to entire convention delegation.

January 29, 1972
7:30 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Loendorf called the Public Hearing to order.
Roll call was taken.

WITNESSES

Dr. Ellis Waldron, Professor of Political Science from the University of Montana testified. Dr. Waldron stated that he believed that reapportionment was a proper concern of the Constitution. Questions and answers followed.

Miss Randi Hood, student of Political Science from the University of Montana testified. She has been researching reapportionment. Questions and answers followed.

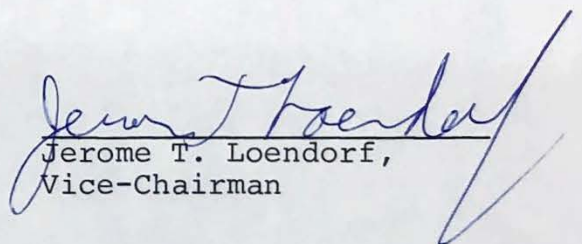
Mr. Thomas E. Towe, attorney and State representative from Billings testified. (See testimony filed herewith.)
Question and answers followed.

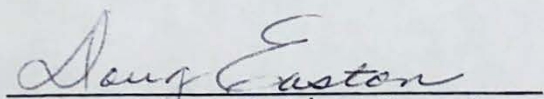
Mr. Jack Gunderson, State Representative from District 18 testified. He summed up what he had said at the afternoon committee meeting. (Testimony filed herewith.)

No further witnesses appeared to testify.

Vice-Chairman Loendorf announced that a Public Hearing on Unicameralism and Bicameralis would be held on Tuesday, February 1, at 1:30 p.m.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.


Jerome T. Loendorf,
Vice-Chairman


Doug Easton, Acting Secretary