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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: ~~Room 434~~
House Chambers

Date Meeting Held: 2/8/72
Hour Meeting Held: 7:30 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Magnus Aasheim

MINUTES OF THE 22ND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Public Hearing of entire Legislative Article

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>
1. Bradley Parrish	Representative, Lewistown
2. Chase Patrick	Representative, Helena
3. William Groff	Senator, Victor
4. John Layne	Helena, Citizens Committee
5. Harold Gerke	Representative, Billings
6. Norman Nickman	Doctor, Missoula
7. Bill Koerner	Hamilton
8. Robert Watt	Helena, Lobbyist MSPA
9. Duane Welker	Hamilton
10. Michael Greeley	Representative, Great Falls
11. Diane Schladweiler	Bozeman, League of Women Voters
12. Francis Mitchell	Helena, Montana Common Cause
13. Ray Gulick	Joplin
14. Don Garrity	Attorney, Helena
15. J.T. Harrison	Representative, Helena

PUBLIC HEARING
February 8, 1972
7:30 p.m.

Chairman Aasheim called the meeting to order.

Nutting presented the Article 5 of the rough draft proposal. Skari presented Section 16 of the rough draft proposal.

WITNESSES

Representative Bradley Parrish, Lewistown, spoke (see testimony filed hereafter). Questions and answers followed.

Representative Chase Patrick, Helena, spoke in behalf of a unicameral system. He urged delegates to keep their minds open.

Senator W.A. Groff, Victor, spoke on the power structure of the legislature and in behalf of the bicameral system. He felt many things had been accomplished in past legislatures despite deadlocks. Questions and answers followed.

John Layne, Montana Citizens Committee, Helena complimented the committee on the rough draft proposal. However, the committee felt 100 members in a unicameral system was too large. The committee recommended \$8,500 annual salary for a legislator. He urged single-member districts in both House and Senate of a bicameral proposal. Questions and answers followed.

John Hanson, Chief Clerk, read a letter from Representative George Darrow since he was unable to attend. (See letter filed hereafter.)

Representative Harold Gerke, Billings, spoke on number of people in a legislature. He felt serious consideration should be given to the rural vote. He commented on the executive veto in regard to state government. He felt a small number of legislators would make them professional. Questions and answers followed.

Norman Nickman, physician from Missoula, read a letter in behalf of unicameralism. Questions and answers followed.

Bill Koerner, interested citizen from Hamilton, spoke on the rough draft proposal. He thought it should be more specific, and not impose on any one's personal rights. Questions and answers followed.

Representative Robert Watt, Missoula, spoke on the conflict of interest proposal. He felt the tentative one was very weak. He questioned the wording on page 8 regarding commission. He complimented the committee on reducing the size of the article.

Duane Welker, interested citizen from Hamilton, spoke in behalf of a bicameral system. Questions and answers followed.

Michael Greely, Representative from Great Falls, complimented the committee on their rough draft proposal. He spoke in behalf of a unicameral system.

Diane Schwaldweiler, representing League of Women Voters, complimented the committee on the rough draft proposal. She spoke for unicameral body with 100 members or less, annual sessions, and single-member districts.

Francis Mitchell, Montana Common Cause, Helena, spoke in behalf of open committee meetings and unicameral system. Questions and answers followed.

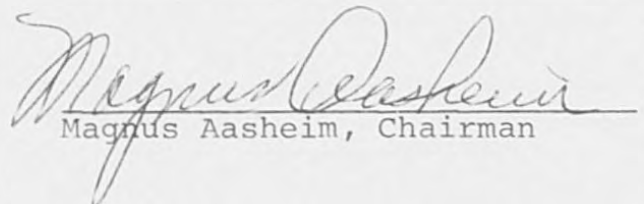
Ray Gulick, interested citizen from Joplin, spoke in behalf of a bicameral system. He also read a letter to the editor which appeared in a newspaper. Questions and answers followed.

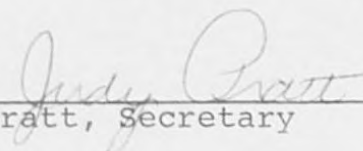
Don Garrity, attorney from Helena, spoke in behalf of a parliamentary system and Delegate Proposal #136.

Tom Harrison, Representative from Helena, spoke in behalf of a unicameral system.

Questions from the delegates followed.

The hearing was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.


Magnus Aasheim, Chairman


Judy Pratt, Secretary