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**MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**  
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 437

Date Meeting Held: 1/27/72  
Hour Meeting Held: 10:30 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Oscar L. Anderson

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: General

Roll Call:

Anderson, Oscar L., Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Blend, Virginia H., Vice-Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Arness, Franklin	<u>Present</u>
Ask, Thomas M.	<u>Present</u>
Erdmann, Marian S.	<u>Present</u>
Jacobsen, Arnold W.	<u>Present</u>
Payne, Katie	<u>Present</u>
Rollins, George W.	<u>Present</u>
Simon, Clark E.	<u>Present</u>
Sparks, M. Lynn	<u>Present</u>
Speer, Lucile	<u>Present</u>

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation or Title</u>
Dean Zinnecker	Observing
Rev. Kirk Dewey	Observing, Mont. Council of Churches
John Kuglin	Observing
Don Dooley	Legislative Analyst
Dr. Thomas Payne	Observing
Roy Crosby	Citizens for Constitutional Government
H. J. Pierce	Great Falls

The Chairman stated the dates and times for joint and regular committee hearings and meetings. It was mentioned that we will have joint committee meetings with the Education Committee regarding Mrs. Erdmann's proposal about school elections. Mrs. Blend's proposal to have welfare financed on a state level was referred to the Public Health Committee. It was mentioned that "recall" should be on our agenda.

It was decided to take the present Constitution section by section in Article 16 and find out which should be retained, deleted, or revised. The consensus of the committee was as follows: Section 1 - revise; Section 2 - revise; Section 3 - delete; Section 4 - revise extensively; Section 5 - revise; Section 6 - Revise; Section 7 - revise extensively; Section 8 - revise. Article 19, Section 6 - delete but place somewhere in Article 16.


A discussion followed on the possibility of combining some of the present sections. The opinion of the Committee is to wait until all the proposals and testimony is in. The major point is to have the new Article flexible enough. Mrs. Blend proposed that whatever the Committee comes out with it should include "initiative, referendum and recall." There was also a discussion on giving counties legislative powers in the manner that cities now have them.

Mrs. Payne's statement regarding previous meetings is attached.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Time of Adjournment: 4:05 p.m.

  
OSCAR L. ANDERSON, Chairman

  
PAT ROMINE, Secretary