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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 437

Date Meeting Held: 1/28/72

Hour Meeting Held: 2 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Oscar L. Anderson

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH 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>
William Cassella, Jr.	Executive Director, Nat'l Municipal League
H. J. Pierce	Great Falls
Dr. Thomas Payne	Professor, University of Montana
Dorothy Eck	Observing
Rachell K. Mansfield	Observing
Bob Hanson	Observing


The Chairman opened the meeting by asking Mrs. Payne to read a letter she received from Mrs. Audrey Broman (Exhibit A).

Mr. H. J. Pierce from Great Falls read his prepared statement (Exhibit B).

Mr. William Cassella was introduced by Dale Harris. He didn't have prepared testimony so he gave a short talk on ideal local government. He gave information on what has been done in other states regarding constitutional revision in the local government field. He considers these principles to be very important: 1. the Constitution should make provision for the greatest amount of flexibility possible; 2. the Constitution should encourage initiative with respect to meeting the problems of local government either by state action or local action. Members of the Committee asked questions, and Mr. Cassella discussed home rule, regional divisions such as proposed in Colorado, reducing the number of small government we now have, revenue sharing, combining local services to prevent duplication, whether local officials should be named in the constitution, areas where no one seems to have jurisdiction to handle problems, the difference between local government and self-executing home rule, and how much power the Legislature should have.

Dr. Payne read his statement (Exhibit C), and said he believes all power comes from the United States and the State Constitutions; local government is a convenience. He answered questions from the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.
Time of adjournment: 4:35 p.m.


PAT ROMINE, Secretary


OSCAR L. ANDERSON, Chairman