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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 437

Date Meeting Held: 2/5/72
Hour Meeting Held: 1:45 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Oscar L. Anderson

MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: General local government

Roll Call:

Anderson, Oscar L., Chairman	<u>Absent</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:

Name

Occupation or Title

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

NAMEOCCUPATION OR TITLE

Dennis Curran	Lee Newspapers
Dean Zinnecker	County Commissioners Association
Dan Mizner) Tom Phillips)	Mont. League of Cities & Towns
John Kuglin	Great Falls Tribune
Suzie Holt	Observing
Mr. Dooley	Legislative Council Staff
Mr. Carroll Blend	Observing
Jane Maronick	Observing
Al Wharton	Observing
Mrs. Henry Cox	Observing
Mary C. Holt	Observing
J. V. O'Donnell	Observing

THE ABOVE WERE OBSERVING; THE FOLLOWING TESTIFIED ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Charles B. McNeil	Delegate
Senator B. J. Goodheart	Malta
Senator P. J. Keenan	Anaconda
Senator Gordon McOmber	Fairfield
Representative Henry Cox	Billings
Representative William Campbell	Missoula
Representative Harold McGrath	Butte
Sterling Rygg	Delegate) Revenue &
Roger Barber	Research Analyst) Finance Committee
Mayor & Mrs. Micone	Butte

Delegate C. B. McNeil appeared before the Committee and explained Delegate Proposal 79 (Exhibit A). He then answered questions from the Committee.

Representative Henry S. Cox appeared before the Committee to testify regarding home rule. His statement is attached (Exhibit B).

Representative William R. Campbell appeared before the Committee to testify regarding a summary of a Local Government Survey (Exhibit C).

Representative Harold McGrath, Senators Goodheart and Keenan spoke on local government problems and desires. Senator McOmber thinks the people are satisfied with their local government for the most part.

Mrs. Blend gave a summary of the Committee's thinking up to this time; and stated that we need a solution that would retain the status quo and also provide for change for areas that want it.

Mr. Arness and Mr. Ask explained their proposals for the benefit of the witnesses. There was a general discussion regarding those two proposal.

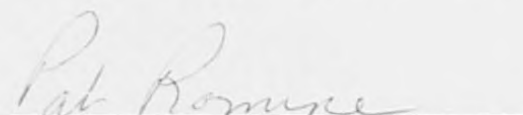
Mayor Micone of Butte made a short statement to the effect that local government should be given the power to have done what needs to be done.


Chairman Rygg and Roger Barber of the Revenue and Finance Committee appeared before the Committee regarding Exhibit D. Their tentative decisions are shown on that exhibit.

The Committee discussed powers of local government again. Mr. Ask's amended proposal is attached (Exhibit E).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time of adjournment: 4:45 p.m.


PAT ROMINE, Secretary


VIRGINIA H. BLEND, Vice-Chairman