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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
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NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 402

Date Meeting Held: 1/17/72
Hour Meeting Held: 11:15 A.M. &
4:05 P.M.

Committee Chairman: Louise Cross

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Organization and planning of committee work.

Roll Call:

Louise Cross, Chairman	Present
E. S. "Erv" Gysler, Vice Chairman	Present
John H. Anderson, Jr.	Present
Geoffrey L. Brazier	Present
Douglas Delaney	Present
A. W. Kamhoot	Present
Charles B. McNeil	Present
Donald Rebal	Present
Henry L. Siderius	Present

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING: None.

DISCUSSION:

The Chairman led the discussion by stating that this committee would be concerned with agriculture, land, water (surface and underground), air, mineral deposits (hard and soft), timber and wildlife. She then stated that the areas for study by this committee would be:

1. Article XIX, Section 3.
2. Article III, Section 15 (Declaration of Rights).
3. Article XVIII, Section 1 (Labor and Department of Agriculture).

and, in addition, the following were to also be studied at the request of the Agriculture Co-ordinator, Douglas Smith:

1. Article XI, Section 4 (State Board of Land Commissioners).
2. Article XII, Section 9 (Livestock mill levies).
3. Article XVII, Section 1, 2, 3 (Public Lands).

It is the desire of this committee that all meetings be open to the public for an expression of their ideas.

The Chairman then called on Mr. Chuck Sullivan, Research Analyst for the Commission. Mr. Sullivan stated that both he and the Intern, Mona Earley, would be available to the Committee at all times for consultation.

The Chairman then directed Mr. Sullivan to contact some of the public employees and the heads of departments who would have information on subjects relating to this committee to have them appear this week to testify. The first one should appear at approximately 10:00 A.M. (or on adjournment) Tuesday, January 18, 1972. Some of those suggested for him to contact were Douglas Smith, Agriculture Co-ordinator; Ted Schwinden, George Lackman, Jim Posewitz and George Darrow, from whom this committee has already received a proposed Constitutional Article on Environment.

The Chairman advised the committee members that, upon adjournment this afternoon, there would be a short meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting recess.

Time of Recess: 12:20 P.M.

AFTERNOON MEETING

Upon adjournment, the Committee resumed at 4:05 P.M.

Chairman Cross advised the committee that she was to meet with the Chairman of the Education and Public Lands Committee January 18, 1972 at 8:30 A.M. to discuss the possibility of placing Public Lands in this committee.

The Chairman then assigned an Article with which the committee is to be familiar to each committee member for study. He will then have to explain it to the committee.

Mr. Sullivan gave committee members each a copy of a symposium on water in order that they might study it before Mr. Hans Bille spoke to the committee on January 18th. He also stated that Mr. Posewitz and Mr. Guse would appear before the committee when called.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded that the committee adjourn.

Time of Adjournment: 4:35 P.M.

Louise Cross
Chairman

Clair L. Rung
Secretary