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**MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**  
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NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 402

Date Meeting Held: 2/3/72  
 Hour Meeting Held: 10:30 a.m. &  
 1:35 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Louise Cross

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

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Environment (Public Trust Concept)

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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation or Title</u>
Jerome J. Cate	Billings, Montana	Delegate
Arlyne E. Reichert	Great Falls, Montana	Delegate
Sam Gillully	Helena, Montana	Director, St. Historical Society
Dale Fredlund	University of Montana	Prof., Archeology Dept. 3
Richard Reese	Carroll College	Chrmn., Dept. of Political Science 1
Mr. Lackman	Helena, Montana	Comm. of Agriculture
Gene Tuma	Forsythe, Montana	Peabody Coal Company
Frank Laird, Jr.	Butte, Montana	Rep. Anaconda Company
Mark Etchart	Glasgow, Montana	Delegate
Larry Blazing	Missoula, Montana	Forester
Marvin McMichels	" "	Rep. Montana Wood Products Assn.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Brazier and Mr. Rebal are hosting a luncheon at Jorgenson's at Noon, Friday, February 4, 1972, at which time they will discuss Ghost Towns with Sam Gillully and Arnold Jacobsen, Delegate.

Mr. Brazier reported on the subcommittee findings on public lands. He told the committee that Delegate Carl Davis is submitting a proposal on this subject which may be what is needed.

~~Attachment #1 is a copy of recommendations received from the Department of Natural Resources.~~

Mr. Jerry Cate, Delegate from Billings, Montana, appeared to explain his Delegate Proposal #12 on the public trust concept. After questions by committee members, he was thanked and excused by the Chairman.

There being no further business at this time, the committee recessed.

Time of recess: 12:10 p.m.

AFTERNOON MEETING

Pursuant to recess, the committee resumed at 1:35 p.m. in Room 402. The Chairman welcomed the guests present.

The first guest to testify was Delegate Arlyne Reichert of Great Falls who appeared in support of environmental protection of Montana's waters. She was then thanked and excused.

Mr. Sam Gillully, Director of the State Historical Society, appeared in behalf of the preservation of ghost towns in Montana.

Dr. Dale Fredlund also spoke in favor of preserving artifacts in Montana. Mr. Gillully said he favored the Jacobson proposal. Dr. Fredlund said that the artifacts act was inadvertently repealed last session in the recodification of the school legislation.

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DISCUSSIONS (Continued):

Richard Reese of the Department of Political Science at Carroll College read a prepared statement which he said would be given to the committee Friday morning. He does not believe the present Constitution gives the state the necessary protection for the environment of this state for future generations. He gave the committee two graphs on "Projection for Disaster" which were prepared by computer at M.I.T. (See Attachment #1) He told the committee that he likes Delegate Proposal #12.

Commissioner of Agriculture Lackman was the next to testify. He told the committee that he had no objection to the Commissioner of Agriculture being made equal to other department heads under executive reorganization, but would prefer something be in Constitution

The committee recessed from 3:15 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. this day.

Upon resumption, Mr. Tuma of the Peabody Coal Company answered questions about slides he had shown the committee yesterday on land reclamation.

Mr. Frank Laird of the Anaconda Company then answered questions of committee members on the prepared statement he had read at yesterday's meeting. He mainly answered questions on air pollution at Columbia Falls, Montana.

Delegate Mark Etchart of Glasgow appeared in behalf of his Proposal #48.

Mr. Blazing and McMichels, foresters, agreed to return to testify at the Friday, February 4th, meeting.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

Time of adjournment: 5:10 p.m.

Claine L. Rung  
Secretary

Louise Cross  
Chairman