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

Place of Meeting: Room 402

Date Meeting Held: 2/8/72  
Hour Meeting Held: 9:55 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Louise Cross

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

SUBJECT OF MEETING: General.

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	Excused
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>
Delegate Erdmann	Great Falls (District 13)	Delegate
Oliver Le Fevre	Billings and Sheridan	Rancher
John Ray	Hamilton, Montana	Recent resident (not presently employed but thinking of going into business)
Dr. Clancy Gordon	University of Montana, Missoula, Montana	Professor
Bill Baird	Billings, Montana	Real estate man

DISCUSSIONS:

Delegate Erdmann of Great Falls appeared before the committee in support of her proposal #96. She was thanked and excused by the Chairman.

Oliver LeFevre, a real estate man from Billings, was the next witness. He testified that he also has property in Sheridan and that he wants the state to keep land under its control.

The next witness was John Ray of Hamilton, a newcomer to the state who is planning on going into private business and is also a teacher. He recommends the committee do all they can to preserve local government in regards to water rights.

Dr. Clancy Gordon of the University of Montana at Missoula showed a movie on the environment in Montana. The Bill of Rights Committee was also present for this movie. He then spoke on the coverage of the movie and the necessity for natural resources to be preserved for the future generations.

Bill Baird, a real estate man from Billings was the last witness this day. He said that control of land by the state is not what is needed. He was thanked and excused by the Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Time of adjournment: 12:00 Noon.

*C. Louise Cross*  
Chairman

*Eaine L. Rung*  
Secretary