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# MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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## NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 402

Date Meeting Held: 2/16/72  
Hour Meeting Held: 8:05 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Louise Cross

### TWENTY- MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Committee Proposal.

#### Roll Call:

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

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING: None.

Name

Address

Occupation or Title

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. McNeil opened discussion of Delegate Proposal No. 20, as amended.

Upon motion by McNeil, duly carried, Delegate Proposal #20, as amended, is to be the Article on Environment and Natural Resources. (See Attached Roll Call Chart)

At this time, the Chairman gave the committee a tentative draft on reclamation:

"The legislature must require that all lands disturbed for the taking of natural resources be restored to a beneficial use predetermined in advance of the disturbance."

The committee recessed at 8:57 a.m. to meet again on adjournment.

The committee resumed at 9:50 a.m.

Chairman Cross moved that the attached proposed section be adopted as the last paragraph on the article on Environment.

(See Attachment A)

Following is the roll call vote on the above motion:

Cross - Yes	Brazier - No	McNeil - Yes
Gysler - No	Delaney - No	Rebal - Yes
Anderson - No	Kamhoot - No	Siderius - Yes

Totals: Yes - 4, Noes - 5. (See Roll Call Chart)

Mrs. Cross said "This will come out as a Minority Report."  
No members objected.

Gysler moved the draft on reclamation (quoted above) be included in the Majority Report. Motion carried. (See Roll Call Chart)

McNeil moved to reject Delegate Proposal #12. Motion carried.  
(See Roll Call Chart)

There being no further business at this time, the committee recessed until the hour of 1:30 p.m. this day.

Time of recess: 11:50 a.m.

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DISCUSSIONS (Continued):

AFTERNOON MEETING

Pursuant to recess, the committee resumed at 1:30 p.m.

Upon motion of Delaney, unanimously carried, Delegate Proposal #114 was rejected.

The Chairman gave the following outline for the committee proposal: Majority Report: Environmental Statement  
Agriculture  
Water  
Historical Sites  
Reclamation

Minority Report: Paragraph on legal proceedings against a government agency.

Motion by Delaney to adopt a new section under Agriculture to read as follows:

"A special levy may be made on livestock and on agricultural commodities for the purpose of disease control and indemnification, predator control, livestock inspection and protection, agricultural commodity inspection and protection, livestock and agricultural commodities research and promotion."

Motion carried. (See Roll Call Chart)

Upon motion of McNeil, duly carried, the Majority Report on Environment and Natural Resources will contain Delegate Proposal #20 as amended, Reclamation, Water and Historical Sites. There will be a separate article on Agriculture. Also, there will be a Minority Report which will be Section \_\_\_, Right to Sue.

There being no further business, the committee recessed at 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. this evening.

EVENING MEETING

The committee resumed at 7:30 p.m. to work on wording of the committee proposal. Upon motion of McNeil, duly carried, an amendment was made to the wording of the article on Water. All wording of articles was accepted except that on Cultural Resources,


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DISCUSSIONS (Continued):

environment and natural resources and the Minority Report.

There being no further business at this time, the committee adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

  
C. LOUISE CROSS, Chairman

  
Elaine L. Rung, Secretary