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AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: convention Hall Cate Meeting Held: Febc 5, 1972 Hour
Meeting held: 10:06 p.m.

Committee Chairman: George B. Heliker, Meeting Chairman, Jack Ward

MINUTES OF THE TWENTYFIRST MEETING OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
WELFARE, LABOR AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Public Utility Regulation, Public Hearing

Roll Call:

George B. Heliker, Chairman Jack K. Ward, Vice Chairman Charles H.
Mahoney Joseph II. McCarvel Don Scanlin
R. J. Studer, Sr.
William H. Swanberg Edith Van Buskirk

DISCUSSION

The hearing was called to order by Chairman, George Heliker and the
committee members introduced to those present. The hearing was then
turned over to Vice Chairman Jack Ward.

Witnesses:

George B. Heliker, Delegate, Professor of Economics at the
University of Montana, Proposal #76.
Mr. Steve Coldiron, Montana State Low-Income Organization
Paul Harlow, Delegate, proposal #121.
Francis Mitchell, Montana Common Cause
Clyde Jarvis, Montana Farmers Union
John L. McKeon, Senator, representing self.

Acting Chairman, Jack Ward introduced Delegate George B. Heliker to
speak on behalf of his proposal #76, a proposal for a new
constitutional article providing for a regulation of public
utilities, exhibit 1. Delegate Heliker deferred questions until a
later date so that other witnesses might be heard.

Mr. Steve Coldiron, Montana State Low-Income Organization, spoke in
support of proposal #76 except that he supported a three member
commission elected every 4 years on off year election years.

Delegate Paul Harlow spoke on behalf of his Delegate Proposal #121
providing for the creation of Public Utility Districts.

Committee Hearing, Public Health, Welfare, Labor and Industry Public

Hearing, 2/5/72, 1:06 p.m.,

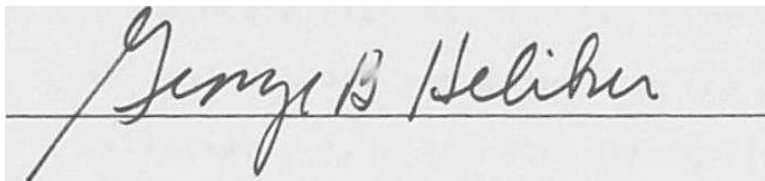
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Francis Mitchell, representing Montana Common Cause Organization, spoke on behalf of proposal "espousing the merits of an appointed public Utility Commissioner, .

Mr. Clyde Jarvis, representing Montana Farmers Union, spoke in favor of proposal #76, exhibit #2, and answered questions from the committee.

Senator John L. McKeon from Anaconda spoke on behalf of proposal #76, but expressed some reservations on the appointive nature of a commission or commissioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 o'clock.



George B. Heliker