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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, LABOR AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Senate Chambers Date Meeting Held: 2/9/72
Hour Meeting Held: 8:10 a.m.

Committee Chairman: George B. Heliker

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

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Proposal #76

Roll Call:

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

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

DISCUSSION

WITNESSES:

J. F. Maher, Mountain Bell, #76, #121 - Con
Dale E. Clark, Madison Valley Telephone Company #76 - Con
W. F. Farnes, Pleasant Project Telephone Company #76 - Con
Charles C. Lovell, Great Falls Gas Company #76, #121 - Con
Henry Loble, Montana, Dakota Utilities & General Telephone
Company of the Northwest Division #76, #121 - Con
Robert Corette, Montana Power Company #76, #121 - Con
George O'Conner, Montana Power Company #76, #121 - Con

Mr. James Maher, Montana Vice President for Mountain Bell Telephone spoke in opposition to Delegate Proposal #76 and #121. Exhibit #1

Chairman Heliker introduced into the record a letter from Mr. W.F. Farnes, Pleasant Project Telephone Company who opposed the alteration of the Public Service Commission. See Exhibit 2.

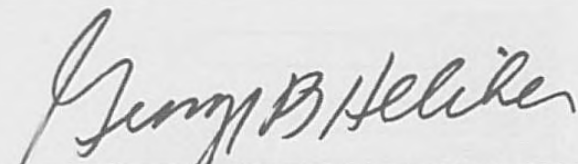
Mr. Charles C. Lovell, attorney for the Great Falls Gas Company, testified that he believed the broad application of law which the constitution establishes would be jeopardized if proposals #76 and #121 were adopted.

Henry Loble, attorney for Montana, Dakota Utilities and also General Telephone Company of the Northwest Division on what he felt would be the detrimental effects on utility systems to Montana. (See Exhibit 3 and 4).

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Mr. Robert Corette and Mr. George O'Conner appeared on behalf of Montana Power Company to oppose the adoption of Proposals #76 and #121. They contended that such inclusion in the constitution of the proposals would be detrimental not only for Montana Power Company, but for the general consumer as well. (See Exhibit 5 and 6).

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.



George B. Heliker, Chairman