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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, LABOR
AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Convention Hall Date Meeting Held: 2/11/72
Hour Meeting Held: 7:09 p.m.

Committee Chairman: George B. Heliker

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

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Romney Hearing

Roll Call:

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

DISCUSSION

Witnesses:

James Lechner, Executive Secretary of the Billings
Contractors' Council, #78 - Pro
Tom Dolan, Independent businessman, Billings #78 - Pro
Joe Chovanak, East Helena, Farmers Union Local #169, #78 - Con
Paul Bessler, an individual, #78 - Con
Corny Thiessen, State Senator, #76
Elton Hartzel, American Federation of State, County and Municipal
Employees #73 - Pro

The special hearing was called to order by Chairman, George Heliker who introduced the members of the committee to the delegates and interested persons present. Jack Ward was introduced to give the committee report on the present Constitutional Article XV, Corporations other than Municipal. He read the new section proposed tentatively by the committee, enclosed in the Exhibit 1, Rough Draft, checked with the present constitution sections and gave the reasoning behind the committee decisions.

Mr. Swanberg gave the report for the committee on Welfare and Public Utilities. He read the proposed changes, read the sections in the present Constitution, and the reasons for the committee decisions. He reported a "Do Not Adopt" on Delegate Proposal #45 with no minority report to come out of the committee at present, and that Delegate Proposal #76 on Public Utilities had been reported out with a "Do Not Adopt" from the committee, but that a minority report would be submitted. He also reported Delegate Proposal #121 reported out of

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committee with a "Do not Adopt" and Dr. Heliker reported it would be incorporated in the minority report on #76.

Mr. Heliker gave the report on the Article XVIII Labor. He gave a report, section by section on the present Constitution and the reasons why decisions had been made as they were in the committee. He reported a "Do not Adopt" from the committee on Delegate Proposals #71, 144, 105, 138, 148, and 177 with No Minority Report to be made, and Proposals #73 with a "Do not Adopt" on which there will be a Minority Report, and Proposal #78 which no vote had been taken on, and which would receive some witnesses this evening.

R. J. Studer read his proposal #78, and gave testimony, exhibit #2. Questions were asked from committee members. With two proposals to be discussed, the Chairman requested a 7 minute time limit per speaker for Proposal #76 to keep within the time limit.

James Lechner, Executive Secretary of the Billings Contractors' Council, Billings, spoke in support of Proposal #78 on right-to-work, testimony, exhibit #3.

Tom Dolan, independent business man from Billings spoke in favor of Delegate Proposal #78. Exhibit #4.

Joe Chovanak, East Helena, Farmers Union Local #169, spoke in opposition to #78. Exhibit #5.

Mr. McCarvel, attorney, Helena, spoke in favor of Proposal #78. Exhibit #6.

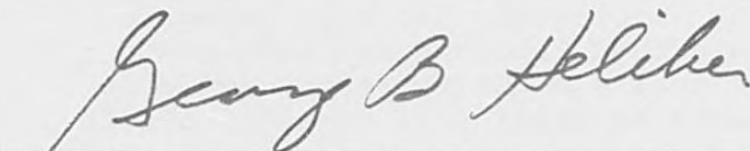
Paul Bessler, speaking as an individual, spoke in opposition to Delegate Proposal #78, see Exhibit #7.

Chairman Heliker introduced Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, Public Utility Commissioner of Oregon who spoke on the single commissioner in Oregon, how it works, why it works, and the staff and responsibilities of both the staff and the commissioner. See Exhibit #8. He answered questions first from the committee members, and then from other delegates.

State Senator, Cornis Thiessen, farmer-rancher from Lambert spoke on Proposal #76, exhibit #9.

Elton Hartze spoke in favor of Proposal 73, exhibit #10. He is the field representative for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The hearing was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



George B. Heliker, Chairman