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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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REVENUE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 215
Mitchell Building

Date Meeting Held: 2/11/72
Time Meeting Held: 10:12 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Sterling Rygg

MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE REVENUE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Suggested Changes in Taxation Article

Roll Call:

Sterling Rygg, Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Maurice Driscoll, Vice Chairman	<u>Present</u>
William Artz	<u>Present</u>
E. M. Berthelson	<u>Present</u>
Dave Drum	<u>Present</u>
Noel Furlong	<u>Present</u>
Russell McDonough	<u>Present</u>
Mike McKeon	<u>Present</u>
Roger Wagner	<u>Present</u>

Time of Adjournment: 12:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

Vice Chairman Maurice Driscoll opened the meeting in the absence of Chairman Sterling Rygg who was attending a short meeting of the Administrative Committee. Member Noel Furlong was also attending that meeting.

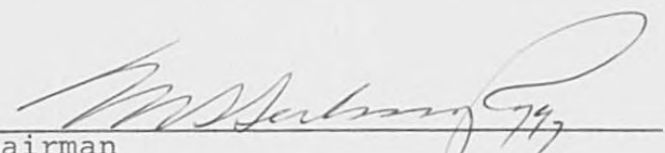
The members present heard testimony from attorney Ward Shanahan, who suggested changing the wording in Section 5 of the rough draft, inserting the word "improvement" between the words "special" and "districts". Mr. McDonough explained that he believed times would change to the point that we would no longer have the same concept of special improvement districts. He told Mr. Shanahan that under statutory law, the counties still have the right to tax these districts anyway.

Paul Keller, attorney and Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana, appeared to ask the committee to consider the changes recommended by Mr. Shanahan. Leo Walchuk, comptroller of Carroll College, also supported the changes recommended, emphasizing that the College, like many quasi-public institutions, contributed far more than its tax value to the community in other areas.

Chad Smith, attorney representing the Montana School Boards Association and the Montana Hospital Association, also advocated changing the language in this section so that it remained much the same as the old section.

The committee asked questions of all witnesses present. They were thanked and excused. The committee briefly discussed other business before adjourning.

Time of Adjournment: 12:30 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary