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Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights

Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: November 15, 1955

Place: Committee Room - Convention Hall

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Present: Dorothy Awes, R. Rolland Armstrong, James Doogan,
Seaborn J. Buckalew, Jr., Robert J. McNealy, John
Hellenthal and Ada B. Wien.

Officers - Miss Awes appointed R. Rolland Armstrong as secretary.
Mrs. Ada B. Wien was nominated and elected as the Vice-
Chairman.

Committee

Open to Public - Mr. Hellenthal moved and Mr. Doogan seconded

"All Committee meetings will be open to the public,
unless otherwise provided"
Motion passed.

Rules of

Committee -The business of the Committee will be conducted under
the rules of the Convention.

News

Releases - The Chairman will be the Officer giving information to
the press or convention beyond the formal reports of the
Committee.

Minority

Reports - Minority reports will be filed at the same time as the
majority report and under the same procedure.

R. Rolland Armstrong

Reporting

Out of Committee - The Committee recognizes

Rule 17 for procedure in:

1. Report on recommendations
2. Minority reports


Rule 48 - Reports shall be classified as:

- (a) adopted in whole or part
- (b) disapproved
- (c) disposed or otherwise

Business - Members of the Committee began a reading of the "Civil Rights and Liberties" section of the Public Administration Staff Paper.

Note: Mr. William Egan, President of the Convention, visited the Committee during the above reading.

Adjournment - The Committee adjourned to continue the reading of Civil Rights at the next meeting.


R. Rolland Armstrong
Secretary

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Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights

Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: November 17, 1955

Place: Committee Room, Convention Hall

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Present: Dorothy Awes, Chairman
R. Rolland Armstrong
Robert J. McNealy
John Hellenthal
Ada B. Wien
Seaborn J. Buckalew
James P. Doogan

Business: Mr. Hellenthal moved, Mrs. Wien seconded "that minutes be accepted", passed. Mrs. Wien moved, Mr. Hellenthal seconded "A

Quorum: majority constitute a quorum" passed.

TV

Programs: Mr. Hellenthal moved, Mr. McNealy seconded the motion the Committee indicate their willingness to participate in T.V. Programs as soon as Committee Chairmen at their meeting set up the programs. Passed.

Adjournment: The Committee adjourned until the next stated time to complete the reading of "Civil Rights".

R. Rolland Armstrong

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Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights

Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: November 18, 1955

Place: Committee Room, Convention Hall

The meeting was called to order by the
Chairman.

Present: Dorothy Awes, Chairman
R. Rolland Armstrong
Robert J. McNealy
John Hellenthal
Ada B. Wien
Seaborn J. Buckalew
James P. Doogan

Business: Minutes accepted without objection.

Report: Mr. Hellenthal moved, Mr. Doogan seconded,
"That the material be submitted to Style
Committee in one report", passed.

Completion of the reading of "Civil Rights."

Mr. Wm. A. Egan, President, attended parts
of the discussion.

Adjournment: The Committee adjourned until Monday
morning.

R. Rolland Armstrong

Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights

Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: November 21, 1955

Place: Committee Room, Constitution Hall

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Present: Dorothy Awes, Chairman, R. Rolland Armstrong, Robert J. McNealy, John Hellenthal, Ada B. Wien, Seaborn Buckalew, James P. Doogan.

Minutes: Minutes distributed and accepted by unanimous consent
Accepted: asked by Mr. Buckalew.

Business: Discussion of preparation of "TV" Program. Tentative time for Bill of Rights on the air will be Friday.

On Friday, November 18th a listing of possible inclusions in the Bill of Rights. The discussion continued on November 21 on this.

Motion was made to spend twenty minutes in reading "The International Bill of Human Rights."

Mr. Egan attended part of this meeting.

New Jersey's and Illinois' preamble read as models for the Committee. New Jersey' will be copied to aid in discussion.

Popular sovereignty - James Doogan
Rights of persons and Criminal - McNealy and Armstrong
Economic and Social - Hellenthal and Ada Wien
Property Rights - Dorothy Awes and Seaborn Buckalew

Agreed that a Public hearing will be held on Saturday at 9:30 A.M.

Adjournment -The meeting adjourned.

R. Rolland Armstrong

Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights

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Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: November 23, 1955

Place: Committee Room, Constitution Hall.

Present: Dorothy Awes, Chairman, R. Rolland Armstrong, Robert J. McNealy, John S. Hellenthal, Ada B. Wien, Seaborn Buckalew, James P. Doogan.

Minutes

Accepted: The minutes were distributed. Mr. Hellenthal asked unanimous consent on their approval.

Business - TV Program is scheduled for Saturday. The Chairman read aloud the content of Proposal #16.

Work was commenced on drafting the preamble.

Mr. Egan, President of the Convention, attended part of the meeting.

Proposals of Mr. McNealy and Mr. Armstrong's section on Rights of Persons and Criminal were read and discussion held on some phases of the report.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned.

R. Rolland Armstrong

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Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights

Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: November 25, 1955

Place: Committee Room, Constitution Hall.

Present: All members were present.

Minutes accepted: The minutes were distributed and accepted.

Business: A discussion was conducted section by section of the sub-committee report on the Rights of Persons and the rights of people before the courts. The following subjects were covered:

Freedom of Speech, Press and Communication.
Habeas Corpus.
Arms - Military.
Speedy Trial by an Impartial Jury.
Imprisonment for Debt.

Adjournment: The committee adjourned until the regular time on Saturday.
A public hearing is scheduled for 9:30.
November 26, 1955.

R. Rolland Armstrong
R. Rolland Armstrong, Secretary.

Constitutional Convention
V/Preamble/8
November 28, 1955

Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights

Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: November 28, 1955

Place: Committee Room, Convention Hall

Present: All members were present.

Minutes
accepted: The minutes were accepted.

Business: T.V. program for this group recommended for one half hour.

Discussion of segregation - Mr. Egan attended part of this discussion.

A T.V. program on Saturday was, in effect, a business meeting of the Committee.

A lengthy discussion was held on the section on segregation and discrimination.

Mr. Stewart discussed the matter of a consultant.

At the recent public hearing the following appeared:

Zora Banks
Lee Gardner
Norman Hogg
John Stokes

R. Rolland Armstrong

R. Rolland Armstrong, Secretary

Constitutional Convention
V/Rights/7
November 29, 1955

COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE AND
BILL OF RIGHTS

Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: November 29, 1955
Place: Committee Room, Convention Hall
Present: All members were present
Minutes: The minutes were approved.
Accepted:

A discussion was held on the necessity of technical help in drafting the Bill of Rights.

Unanimous consent to ask Dr. Moberg asked by Mr. Doogan. Sustained.

Mr. Egan attended this session.

Adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Wien at 7:30.

Submitted,


R. Rolland Armstrong

Constitutional Convention
V/Rights/9

November 30, 1955 (29)

Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights

Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: November 29, 1955

Place: Residence of Mr. & Mrs. Noel Wien

Present: Dorothy Awes, R. R. Armstrong, Ada Wien, S. J. Buckalew,
J. Hellenthal

Absent: J. Doogan

Business: Discussion on the section of the Bill of Rights on Rights
of Persons.

Consideration on Proposals #13 and #21.

Proposal #21 has been considered and Mr. Tom Harris will
be invited to appear before the Committee.

Proposal #2 on Church and State.

The question of capital punishment will not be included
in the Committee report.

Other sections covered included:

Segregation and discrimination

Rights of Person

Ex-past facto

Rights and Private Property

The clause on enumeration of retention of rights to
the people.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

Submitted

R. Rolland Armstrong

Constitutional Convention
V/Rights/10
November 30, 1955

Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights

Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: November 30, 1955

Place: Committee Room, Convention Hall

Present: All members were present

Minutes

Accepted: The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Business: Motion that the chairman ask that we be excused from Saturday night to TV and ask for a spot on Monday.

Mr. Doogan reported that Dr. Moberg will work with us. It will be without pay. He will review our brief and at times consult with the Committee.

The section on penal code and reformation will be reopened when the entire section is compiled. Suggested statement on Wyoming section 15 and 16 will be reviewed.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted

R. Rolland Armstrong

Constitutional Convention
V/Preamble & Bill of Rights/12
December 1, 1955

COMMITTEE ON PREAMBEE AND BILL OF RIGHTS

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Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: December 1, 1955

Place: Committee Room, Constitution Hall

Present: All members were present

Business: The minutes of November 29 were amended to show Mr. McNealey present.

Discussion on education, health and labor inclusions in the Constitution.

The bill of rights and any sections dealing with Welfare provisions will be sent to the floor at the same time.

Mr. Egan reminded the committee that slum clearance should be provided for in the constitution.

Adjournment: After discussion on various phases of the work the committee adjourned to meet at the regular time on December 2, 1955.

Respectfully Submitted

R. Rolland Armstrong

Constitutional Convention
V/Preamble & Bill of Rights/13
December 2, 1955

COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE AND BILL OF RIGHTS

Dorothy Awes, Chairman

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Ledger*

Date: December 2, 1955

Place: Committee Room, Convention Hall

Present: All members present.

Business: No meeting for Saturday, December 3, 1955.

Mr. Victor Fischer appeared as a witness in behalf of proposal No. 9 on health, welfare, and education.

Note clause in #4 indicating for low income housing.

No. 5 may belong in resource committee.

Mr. Tom Harris appeared in behalf of his proposal #21 - Right of Self-Determination. Requests that the word "labor" in line #6 be deleted. Then reading "or religious". This was not a right to work proposal in its original intent.

Mr. Maurice Johnson appeared as a private citizen.

Discussion was held on Proposal #2.

Respectfully Submitted

R. Rolland Armstrong

COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE AND BILL OF RIGHTS

Dorothy Awes, Chairman

Date: December 6, 1955

Place: Committee Room, Convention Hall.

Present: Dorothy Awes, R. R. Armstrong, Ada B. Wien, John Hellenthal, R. J. McNeely, S. J. Buckalew.

Absent: J. Doogan

Business: The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Mr. M. Johnson and Mr. Coghill asked that Proposal 6 be reviewed by Dr. J. Ryan, upon his return to the Territory from the White House Conference on Education.

Proposal 13 was discussed with Mr. Johnson. He suggested that this be very early in the Bill of Rights.

Number 16 was discussed. It was suggested that the preamble as set forth in this section be included in the Constitution. The committee deferred action.

Resolution Number 19 on the Distribution of Power was discussed by Mr. Johnson. He stated he believed that this should follow the Bill of Rights and be included in the Constitution. It was pointed out that this section did not define the power, but only shows the separation.

Mr. W. Taylor appeared before the committee for a discussion of Proposal 17.

A letter is to be sent the Resources Committee covering section 6 and 7 of Proposal 17, and section 5 of Proposal #9, for serious consideration and possible inclusion in their work.

A discussion followed with Mr. Taylor on regulations of charitable institutions under health and sanitary facilities, etc.

Mr. R. E. Robertson came into the session to discuss Proposal 31. X

A motion was made to include Proposal 31 with the amendments as follows:
"as presently defined in the Taft-Hartley Law as amended" - Mr. Robertson agreed to this amendment. The motion lost. Mr. Hellenthal asked that the action be recorded showing that he and McNealy voted in the affirmative. Mr.s. Wien asked that her vote in the negative ~~reflex~~ reflected her thought that the matter was legislative.

Mr. Hellenthal moved and Mr. McNealy seconded that the following section of the New Jersey Bill of Rights, Section 19, be amended to read, "Persons in private employment shall have the right to organized and bargain collectively. Persons in public employment, except where the public agency is engaged in a non-governmental activity. This motion was recorded on request. The motion lost.

Motion was made and seconded that Proposal #2 be adopted with amendments to read "no law shall be made respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. No money shall be drawn from the treasury for the direct benefit of any religious, parochial or theological institution. Motion passed.

A motion was adopted to include Section 2 of the Missouri Constitution on ~~type~~ the "Source of Political Power", for inclusion in the draft.

It was further passed that we include Article 1, Section 2 of Missouri as amended to read:
(See rough draft of Bill of Rights)

Under the discussion of Proposal 9 it was passed that we include

Paragraph #1
Paragraph #2
Paragraph #3 amended as follows:

"Public Welfare: The state may provide for public Welfare for persons unable to maintain a standard of living compatible with health and human dignity."

Paragraph #4 amended as follows:
Substandard Areas and Public Housing: The state

may provide and assist in the clearance, development and rehabilitation of substandard areas and for public housing."

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted:

R. Rolland Armstrong

Constitutional Convention
V/Preamble and Bill of Rights/14
December 7, 1955

Minutes of Committee on Preamble
and Bill of Rights

1. Meeting held December 7, 1955, in the Committee Room of Constitution Hall.
2. All members were present.
3. The minutes for December 6 were approved. Dr. Elliot was present and aided the Committee in the work on The Declaration of Rights.

Respectfully submitted,

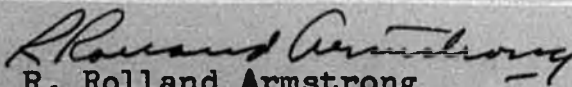
R. Roland Armstrong
Secretary

Constitutional Convention
V/Preamble/15
December 9, 1955

COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE AND BILL OF RIGHTS

1. The December 9, 1955 meeting convened at Apartment 1009 of the Polaris Building. Those present were Dorothy Awes, Chairman, Ada Wien, John Hellenthal, Robert McNealy, and James Doogan. Seaborn Buckalew, Jr. was absent.
2. Mr. Doogan moved and Mr. McNealy seconded that the Committee after consideration of Proposal 19 considers this not properly belonging in the Constitution. This was passed.
3. The Chairman will see Mr. Smith about the inclusion of prohibition of transfer of schools entitled to public lands as specified in the enabling act page 34, line 7, page 34, line 13 and page 41, line 25.
4. Sections of Proposal 6 - Section 8, Section 10, Section 11, Section 12 and Section 13 will be reported back to the convention for their appropriate committee.

Respectively submitted,


R. Rolland Armstrong

Approved
12-12-55

Constitutional Convention
V/Preamble/16
December 10, 1955

COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE AND BILL OF RIGHTS

1. The December 10, 1955 meeting convened at the Constitution Hall. Those present were Dorothy Awes, Chairman, Ada Wien, John Hellenthal, Robert McNealy and R. Rolland Armstrong.

2. Dr. James Ryan of Fairbanks presented his views on Proposal 6 on Education. Mr. Ryan read statements from a manuscript on Education. Mr. John B. Coghill and Mr. Leslie Nerland also attended the hearing.

3. Some final changes were incorporated into the Declaration of Rights and Health, Welfare and Education.

Respectively submitted,

R. Rolland Armstrong
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Approved
12-12-55

Rights/17 and Rights/18 are assigned in the Ledger to Minutes of December 13. Apparently, two meetings were held on that date. No copies are available.