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MEMO NUMBER 1

AUGUST 4, 1967

TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE A STUDY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895

FROM: ROBERT H. STOUDEMIRE, STAFF CONSULTANT

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Committee in its July 21st meeting, a proposed Agenda for the Fall is enclosed. Changes in the Agenda which may be desirable can be discussed at the September 15 -16 meeting.
2. In order to complete the study before the meeting of the General Assembly, the Agenda for each meeting is very crowded. It may be that some items as proposed on the Agenda will have to be delayed until the following meeting. Three-week intervals are needed at least through the October 6 meeting so that the necessary research can be done. If deemed necessary, after that time the research would be far enough along that meetings could be scheduled more frequently.
3. Mrs. Nancy Clark, Administrative Assistant to the Ways and Means Committee, has agreed to serve as Secretary to the Committee. If members do not object, a tape recorder may be valuable in obtaining a full record of the Committee's discussions.
4. Arrangements have been made with the State Board of Health to use the Executive Board's Committee Room for meetings of the Committee. The room is well furnished, private, and is large enough. Parking is readily available.
5. A number of qualified people have agreed to help with the research assignments. All are genuinely interested in helping with the task assigned to the Committee.
6. The Governor, Constitutional Officers, and several other state officials have been contacted and given an opportunity to prepare a letter stating their suggestions concerning sections of the Constitution which they feel need the attention of the Committee. Their suggestions should be helpful in identifying sections which are not clear and which may be causing confusion.
7. Mail addressed to me at the Bureau of Governmental Research, University of South Carolina, will reach me faster than sending it to the State House.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE FALL

Committee to Make a Study of the Constitution of South Carolina
South Carolina State Board of Health, Executive Board Room
Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina

September 15-16
10:00 A. M.
Friday

- (A) Reorganization of the Committee:
Election of Officers
- (B) Report from Staff Consultant
- (C) Review of the Articles of the 1895
Constitution Related to Human Rights
 - 1. Article I - Declaration of Rights
 - 2. Article II - Right of Suffrage
 - 3. Article XIV - Eminent Domain
- (D) Evaluation of Procedure, Research
Reports, etc.
- (E) Approval of Agenda for the Next Meeting

October 6-7
Friday 10:00 A. M.

- (A) Business Placed on Agenda by Officers
- (B) Report from Staff Consultant
- (C) Review of the Articles of the 1895
Constitution Related to Finance, Taxation,
State Services
 - 1. Article X - Finance and Taxation
 - 2. Article VIII - Indebtedness, sections
6, 7 and 8
 - 3. Article IX - Corporations
 - 4. Article XI - Education
 - 5. Article XII - Charitable and Penal
Institutions
 - 6. Article XIII - The Militia (if
time permits)
- (D) Evaluation of Procedures and Approval
of Agenda for Next Meeting

October 27-28
Friday 10:00 A. M.

- (A) General Business
- (B) Report from Staff Consultant
- (C) Judicial and the Executive
 - 1. Article V - Judicial Department
 - 2. Article VI - Jurisprudence
 - 3. Article IV - Executive Department
(The Veto may be deferred to next
meeting.)
- (D) Evaluation of Procedures and Approval
of Agenda for Next Meeting

November 17-18
Friday 10:00 A. M.

- (A) General Business
- (B) Report from Staff Consultant
- (C) The General Assembly, including the Veto Section
 - 1. Article III - Legislative Department
 - 2. Article IV, section 23 - the Veto
 - 3. Article XV - Impeachment
 - 4. Sections from Articles Previously Considered, if Deferred Because of Time
- (D) Evaluation of Procedures and Approval of Agenda for Next Meeting

December 8-9
Friday 10:00 A. M.

- (A) General Business
- (B) Report from Staff Consultant
- (C) Local Government
 - 1. Article VII - Counties and County Government
 - 2. Article VIII - Municipal Corporations and Police Regulations
 - 3. Article XVII - Miscellaneous Matters
- (D) Evaluation of Procedures and Approval of Agenda for Next Meeting

December 29-30
Friday 10:00 A. M.

- (A) General Business
- (B) Report from Staff Consultant
- (C) Revision
 - 1. Article XVI - Amendment and Revision
 - 2. New Articles to be added, if any
 - 3. Matters which may have been deferred because of disagreements, additional research required, conflicting sections, etc.
- (D) Review of Proposed Constitution and Commentary Which Will be Prepared After Each Session
- (E) Evaluation of Procedures and Approval of Agenda for Next Meeting

January 19-20

- (A) General Business

- Friday 10:00 A. M. (B) Report from Staff Consultant
or
other dates to coincide with meeting of General Assembly (C) Approval of Final Draft of Proposed Constitution
(D) Recommendation on the Method(s) to Initiate Changing the 1895 Constitution
(E) Evaluation of Procedures and Future Meetings
(F) Progress or Final Report to the General Assembly and Governor

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