ARTICLE XV.

4) Jan. 31, 1956

ORDINANCE NO.1
Hon. William A. Egan  
President, Constitutional Convention

Dear Mr. President:

Your Committee on Ordinances submits herewith its proposed Schedule to the Constitution consisting of 17 sections.

Delegate proposals have been fully considered. Portions of Proposal No. 39 were adopted.

Delegate Proposal No. 46 was considered legislative.

Delegate Proposal No. 33 on fish traps was augmented and is submitted on a favorable vote 5 for and 4 against.

Delegate Proposal 28 on the State Capital was adopted in part. Delegate Proposals No. 11 and No. 24 were considered.

Committee Proposal No. 4 was considered and rejected in favor of other handling of the Capital in the Schedule.

Both as to fish traps and the capital, members of the Committee reserve the right to speak as they see fit when the matter comes to the convention floor.

The term of office for the first Governor and Secretary was adopted as proposed by the Executive Committee.

Committee Proposal/17.
The TENNESSEE PLAN ORDINANCE will be submitted separately.

Respectfully submitted,

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James Hurley, Vice-Chairman
Herb Hilscher
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Yule F. Kilcher
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B. D. Stewart
H. R. VanderLeest
Alaska Constitutional Convention

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 17

Introduced by Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part of the Alaska State Constitution

SCHEDULE

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Committee Proposal/17
and property of whatsoever nature shall continue un-
affected notwithstanding the taking effect of this
Constitution, except that the State, or subdivision
thereof, shall be the legal successor to the
Territory, or subdivision thereof, in respect thereof
and all pending causes brought under or by virtue of
territorial law shall be transferred in their entirety
to the proper State Court or body when organized as
though commenced, filed or lodged therein at the first
instance.

Section 5. All officers of the Territory and any
subdivision thereof who are in office by election
or appointment on the date this Constitution takes
effect shall continue to hold their offices and to
perform the functions thereof in a manner not in-
consistent with this Constitution, unless the functions
of their offices are abolished or until their
successors shall have qualified in accordance with this
Constitution or any laws enacted pursuant thereto.

Section 6. The debts and liabilities of the
Territory shall be assumed and paid by the State, and
all debts owed to the Territory shall be collected by
the State; all property and records of whatsoever nature
owned or held by the territory, or any agency thereof,
shall inure to the State.
Section 7. When this Constitution takes effect, all persons domiciled in Alaska, citizens of the United States, shall be citizens of the state for all purposes.

Requirements as to residence citizenship or other status or qualifications prescribed by this Constitution shall be satisfied by corresponding residence, citizenship or other status or qualifications under the Territory.

Section 8. Until otherwise provided by law, the seal of the territory shall be the seal of the state and the legislature shall prescribe seals for courts, officers or boards created by this Constitution, or by law.

The flag of the territory shall be the flag of the State.

Section 9. This Constitution shall be submitted to the voters of Alaska for ratification or rejection at the territorial primary election to be held on the 24th day of April, 1956, to be conducted according to existing laws regulating primary elections, so far as applicable, except as herein provided.

Section 10. Each elector who offers to vote upon this Constitution shall be given a ballot by the election judges which in substance shall contain the following:

- 3 -
The returns of this election shall be made to the Governor of Alaska and shall be canvassed substantially in the manner provided by law for territorial elections.

Section 11. If a majority of all the votes cast for and against the Constitution shall be given for the Constitution, then this document shall be deemed to be approved and accepted by the people of Alaska, and shall take effect accordingly. The Governor of Alaska shall forthwith submit a certified copy of the Constitution through the President to the Congress for approval, together with a statement of the votes cast thereon.

Section 12. When the people of the Territory ratify this Constitution and the same is approved by the duly constituted authority of the United States admitting Alaska into the Union, the governor of the Territory shall, within 30 days after receipt of the official notification of such approval, issue a proclamation for a primary and general election, at which officers for all state elective offices provided for by this Constitution shall be nominated and elected; provided that the officers to be elected shall include two senators, and one representative to the Congress to be
First Elections

Section 13. Said primary election shall take place not less than 40 nor more than 90 days after said proclamation and the general election shall take place within 50 days after the primary election. All elections provided for in these ordinances shall be conducted, insofar as possible, under territorial laws relating to elections of members of the legislature and the returns thereof shall be made, canvassed and certified in the manner prescribed by law. The Governor shall thereupon certify the results thereof to the President.

Section 14. Upon the issuance by the President of a proclamation announcing the results of said election and the admission of this State to the Union, the officers elected and qualified shall proceed to exercise and discharge the duties of their respective offices.

Section 15. The first Governor and secretary of state shall hold office for a term beginning with the day on which they are elected and qualified and ending at noon on the first Monday in December of the even year following the next Presidential election. This term shall count as a full term for purposes of determining eligibility for reelection only if it is four years or more in duration.
Certification of Senators and Representatives

Section 16. The Governor of the State and secretary of state shall certify the election of the senators and a representative to the Congress in the manner prescribed by law unless said senators and representatives have been otherwise seated by the Congress.

Supplemental Provision

Section 17. The Territorial Legislature may enact laws necessary to supplement and make effective these ordinances in order to assure the functioning and orderly transfer of the Government until the officers provided for by this Constitution are elected and qualified, and until this Constitution takes effect.

Ordinance to Abolish Fish Traps

Section 18. If this Constitution shall be accepted by the electors and a majority of all the votes cast for and against the ordinance to abolish fish traps shall be cast for adoption of the ordinance, then the following section shall be added to the Article entitled "General and Miscellaneous Provisions", and shall be part of this Constitution.

"Section ______: As a matter of urgency, to relieve economic distress among individual fishermen and those dependent upon them for a livelihood, to conserve the rapidly dwindling
supply of salmon in Alaska, to make manifest the
will of the people of Alaska at the earliest
possible date, the use of fish traps for the
taking of salmon for commercial purposes is
hereby prohibited in all the waters of the state.
Violations of this section shall be punishable by
a fine not to exceed $5,000.00 and by confiscation
of the fish traps. The police power of the state
shall be used to the extent necessary to enforce
this section."

Section 19. Each qualified voter who offers to
vote upon this Constitution shall be given a ballot by
the election judges which in substance shall contain the
following proposition:

FOR ABOLISHING FISH TRAPS

AGAINST ABOLISHING FISH TRAPS

Section 20. The first members of the Judicial
Council shall, notwithstanding Section 8, Article___,
be appointed for terms as follows: three attorney
members for one, three and five years respectively,
and three non-attorney members for two, four, and
six years respectively. The six members so appointed
shall submit to the Governor nominations to fill the
initial vacancies on the Supreme Court, including the
office of Chief Justice. Once the Chief Justice is
appointed, he shall assume his seat on the Judicial Council.
Alaska Constitutional Convention

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 17b

Introduced by Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part of the Alaska State Constitution:

**SCHEDULE**

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Committee Proposal No. 17b
Local Government

1 or administrative proceedings shall continue
2 notwithstanding the change from territorial to
3 state government, and the State shall be the
4 legal successor to the Territory with respect
5 thereto.
6
7 Section 5. Pending adoption of measures
8 to carry out the provisions of the local govern-
9 ment article of this constitution, cities,
10 school districts, public utility districts and
11 other local subdivisions of government in
12 Alaska shall continue to exercise their powers
13 and functions under existing law but new cities,
14 districts or subdivisions shall be created only
15 in accordance with this constitution.

Officers to Continue

16 Section 6. All officers performing functions
17 vested by this constitution in the state on the
18 date this constitution takes effect shall continue
19 to perform these functions in a manner consistent
20 with this constitution until their offices or
21 functions are abolished or otherwise provided
22 for in accordance with this constitution or any
23 laws enacted pursuant thereto.

Debts Due and Owed

24 Section 7. The debts and liabilities of
25 the Territory shall be assumed and paid by the
26 State, and all debts owed to the Territory shall
Corresponding Qualifications

Section 8. Residence or other qualifications prescribed by this constitution shall be satisfied by corresponding qualifications under the Territory.

Seal

Section 9. The seal of the territory, substituting the word "state" for "territory", shall be the seal of the state.

Flag

Section 10. The flag of the territory shall be the flag of the State.

Ratification

Section 11. This constitution shall be submitted to the voters of Alaska for ratification or rejection at the territorial primary election to be held on the 24th day of April, 1956, to be conducted according to existing laws regulating primary elections so far as applicable.

Questions

Section 12. Each elector who offers to vote upon this constitution shall be given a ballot by the election judges which in substance shall contain the following proposition:

SHALL THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA DRAWN UP AND AGREED UPON BY THE ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BE ADOPTED?
Steps Upon Acceptance

The returns of this election shall be made to the Governor of Alaska and shall be canvassed substantially in the manner provided by law for territorial elections.

Section 13. If a majority of all the votes cast for and against the constitution shall be given for the constitution, then this document shall be deemed to be approved and accepted by the people of Alaska. The governor of Alaska shall forthwith submit a certified copy of the constitution through the President to the Congress for approval, together with a statement of the votes cast thereon.

Governor to Proclaim Election

Section 14. When the people of the Territory ratify this constitution and the same is approved by the duly constituted authority of the United States, the governor of the Territory shall, within 30 days after receipt of the official notification of such approval, issue a proclamation and take other steps required to hold a primary and general election, at which officers for all state elective offices provided for by this constitution shall be nominated and elected.
Section 15. The primary election shall take place not less than 40 nor more than 90 days after the proclamation of the Governor and the general election shall take place within 90 days after the primary election. The elections provided for herein shall be governed by this constitution and, to the extent applicable, by territorial laws.

Section 16. The officers to be elected at the first general election shall include two senators and one representative to the Congress, unless senators and a representative have been previously elected and seated in the Congress of the United States. With respect to Congressional elections held in accordance with this section, one senator shall be elected for the "long term" and one senator for the "short term", each term to expire on the third day of January in an odd-numbered year to be determined by authority of the United States; the term of the representative shall expire on the third day of January in the odd-numbered year immediately following the taking of his seat, but if the first representative is elected in an even-numbered year to take office before the third
Terms of First State Legislators

1 day of January next, a representative to fill
2 the full term commencing on said third day of
3 January shall be elected simultaneously, and the
4 same person may be elected to both terms.

5 Section 17. The first state legislators
6 shall hold office for a term beginning with the
7 day on which they are elected and qualified and
8 ending at noon on the fourth Monday in January
9 after the next general election, with senators
10 elected for "four year" terms serving an addi­
11 tional two years, provided that if the first
12 election occurs at any time during an even-
13 numbered year, that election shall be deemed
14 to be the general election for that year.

Term of Governor and Secretary

15 Section 18. The first governor and secretary
16 of state shall hold office for a term beginning
17 with the day on which they are elected and
18 qualified and ending at noon on the first Monday
19 in December of the even year following the
20 next Presidential election. This term shall
21 count as a full term for purposes of determining
22 eligibility for reelection only if it is four
23 years or more in duration.

Election Returns

24 Section 19. The returns of the first
25 general election shall be made, canvassed and
certified in the manner prescribed by law. The governor shall thereupon certify the results to the President.

Section 20. Upon the issuance by the President of a proclamation announcing the results of said election, and the State having been admitted into the Union, the officers elected and qualified shall proceed to discharge their duties.

Section 21. The governor shall convene a special session of the first state legislature, without limit as to duration, within 30 days after the legislators are elected, if a regular session of the legislature would not normally fall within that period.

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appointed, he shall assume his seat on the Judicial Council.

Section 23. When this constitution takes effect, the Judicial Article ____ shall become effective only to the extent necessary to bring about the organization of the courts and the promulgation of rules provided for therein.

Upon the advice of the chief justice, the governor shall by proclamation name the date when the transfer of jurisdiction from Territorial and United States courts shall commence. Prior to that date, the Territorial and United States courts shall continue, subject to the laws of the United States and of the State, to exercise the necessary judicial functions for the State. After the date set for the transfer of jurisdiction, the state courts shall assume jurisdiction of all new causes properly coming under the judicial power of the State and shall begin to take jurisdiction of pending causes in accordance with applicable laws and rules.

Questions Returns
Sections 24 and 25. (See Committee Proposal/ 17a, Sections 20 and 21.)

Supplementary Measures
Section 26. The Territorial legislature shall enact measures designed to give effect
to the provisions of this Article and to ensure an orderly transfer of the government.
ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 17b

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Committee Proposal No. 17b/First Enrolled
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notwithstanding the change from territorial
to state government, and the State shall be
the legal successor to the Territory with
respect thereto.

Section 5. Pending adoption of measures
to carry out the provisions of the local govern-
ment article of this constitution, cities,
school districts, health districts, public
utility districts and other local subdivisions
of government in Alaska shall continue to
exercise their powers and functions under
existing law but new cities, districts or
subdivisions shall be created only in accordance
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Section 6. All officers of the Territory,
or under its laws, on the date this constitution
takes effect shall continue to perform their
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constitution until their offices or functions
are abolished or otherwise provided for in
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Section 8. The seal of the territory, substituting the word "state" for "territory", shall be the seal of the state.

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Ratification

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Governor to Proclaim Election

First Elections

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4 Section 14. The primary election shall take place not less than 40 nor more than 90 days after the proclamation of the Governor and the general election shall take place
U.S. Senators and a Representative 

1 within 90 days after the primary election.
2 The elections provided for herein shall be
3 governed by this constitution and, to the
4 extent applicable, by territorial laws.
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7 at the first general election shall include
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16 expire on the third day of January in an odd-
17 numbered year to be determined by authority
18 of the United States; the term of the
19 representative shall expire on the third day
20 of January in the odd-numbered year immediately
21 following the taking of his seat, but if the
22 first representative is elected in an even-
23 numbered year to take office before the third
24 day of January next, a representative to fill
25 the full term commencing on said third day of
26 January shall be elected simultaneously, and
Terms of First State Legislators

1 the same person may be elected to both
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4 Section 16. The first state legislators
5 shall hold office for a term beginning with
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9 serving an additional two years, provided that
10 if the first election occurs at any time
11 during an even-numbered year, that election
12 shall be deemed to be the general election
13 for that year.

Term of Governor and Secretary

14 Section 17. The first governor and
15 secretary of state shall hold office for a
16 term beginning with the day on which they
17 are elected and qualified and ending at noon
18 on the first Monday in December of the even
19 year following the next Presidential election.
20 This term shall count as a full term for
21 purposes of determining eligibility for re-
22 election only if it is four years or more in
23 duration.

Election Returns

24 Section 18. The returns of the first
25 general election shall be made, canvassed and
Officers to Take Office

1 certified in the manner prescribed by law.
2 The governor shall thereupon certify the
3 results to the President.

First Session of the Legislature

4 Section 19. Upon the issuance by the
5 President of a proclamation announcing the
6 results of said election, and the State
7 having been admitted into the Union, the
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9 to discharge their duties.

10 Section 20. The governor shall convene
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12 ture, without limit as to duration, within
13 30 days after the President's proclamation
14 announcing the results of the elections, if a
15 regular session of the legislature would not
16 normally fall within that period.

First Judicial Council

17 Section 21. The first members of the
18 Judicial Council shall, notwithstanding
19 Section 8, Article _____, be appointed for
20 terms as follows: three attorney members
21 for one, three and five years respectively, and
22 three non-attorney members for two, four, and
23 six years respectively. The six members so
24 appointed shall submit to the governor
25 nominations to fill the initial vacancies
Transfer of Court Jurisdiction

Questions Returns

1 on the Supreme Court, including the office
2 of Chief Justice. Once the Chief Justice
3 is appointed, he shall assume his seat on
4 the Judicial Council.
5
6 Section 22. Until Alaska is admitted
7 as a state and the courts provided for in
8 the Judicial Article ___ are organized, the
9 courts, jurisdiction and judicial system in
10 the territory shall remain as constituted on
11 date of admission until otherwise provided
12 by law or this constitution. When the state
13 courts are organized, new actions shall be
14 commenced and filed therein, and all pending
15 causes in the constituted courts on date of
16 admission brought under or by virtue of
17 territorial law shall be transferred to the
18 proper state court, or agency, as though
19 commenced, filed or lodged therein at the
20 first instance, subject to applicable Acts
21 of Congress.
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23 Sections 24 and 25. (See Committee
24 Proposal/17a, Sections 20 and 21.)
ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

Hon. William A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

Dear President Egan:

Your Committee on Style and Drafting herewith presents its redraft of the Article on Schedule for consideration by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

George Sundborg, Chairman
R. Rolland Armstrong
Edward V. Davis
Victor Fischer
Mildred R. Hermann
James J. Hurley
Maurice T. Johnson
George M. McLaughlin
Katherine D. Nordale
**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING**

Constitutional Convention
Style and Drafting/Article XIV
(Committee Proposal/17b/Enrolled)
January 31, 1956

**ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part of the Alaska State Constitution:

**ARTICLE XIV**

**SCHEDULE**

To provide an orderly transition from a territorial to a state form of government, it is declared and ordained:

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**Style and Drafting/Article XIV**
Local Government

Continuance of Office

Corresponding Qualifications

unaffected by the change from territorial to
state government, and the state shall be the
legal successor to the Territory in these
matters.

Section 5. Cities, school districts,
health districts, public utility districts and
other local subdivisions of government existing
on the effective date of this constitution shall
continue to exercise their powers and functions
under existing law pending enactment of laws
to carry out the provisions of this constitution.
New local subdivisions of government shall be
created only in accordance with this constitu-
tion.

Section 6. All officers of the Territory,
or under its laws, on the effective date of
this constitution shall continue to perform
the duties of their offices in a manner con-
sistent with this constitution until they are
superseded by officers of the State.

Section 7. Residence or other qualifications
prescribed by this constitution shall be satisfied
by corresponding qualifications under the
Territory.
Section 8. The seal of the Territory, substituting the word "State" for "Territory", shall be the seal of the State.

Section 9. The flag of the Territory shall be the flag of the State.

Section 10. This constitution shall be submitted to the voters of Alaska for ratification or rejection at the territorial primary election to be held on April 24, 1956. The election shall be conducted according to existing laws regulating primary elections so far as applicable.

Section 11. Each elector who offers to vote upon this constitution shall be given a ballot by the election judges which in substance shall contain the following proposition:

"Shall the Constitution for the State of Alaska prepared and agreed upon by the Alaska Constitutional Convention be adopted?"

Section 12. The returns of this election shall be made to the governor of the Territory of Alaska, and shall be canvassed in substantially the same manner provided by law for territorial elections.
Acceptance and Approval

Section 13. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition favor the constitution, then the constitution shall be deemed to be ratified by the people of Alaska. The governor of the Territory shall forthwith submit a certified copy of the constitution through the President of the United States to the Congress for approval, together with a statement of the votes cast thereon.

Governor to Proclaim Election

Section 14. When the people of the Territory ratify this constitution and it is approved by the duly constituted authority of the United States, the governor of the Territory shall, within thirty days after receipt of the official notification of such approval, issue a proclamation and take necessary measures to hold primary and general elections for all state elective offices provided for by this constitution.

First State Elections

Section 15. The primary election shall take place not less than forty nor more than ninety days after the proclamation by the governor of the Territory. The general election shall take place not less than ninety days after the primary election. The elections shall be
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Section 17. The first governor and secretary of state shall hold office for a
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Section 19. When the President of the United States issues a proclamation announcing the results of the election, and the State has been admitted into the Union, the officers elected and qualified shall assume office.

Section 20. The governor shall call a special session of the first state legislature within thirty days after the presidential proclamation unless a regular session of the legislature falls within that period. The
special session shall not be limited as to
duration.

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terms as follows: three attorney members
for one, three and five years respectively,
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and six years respectively. The six members
so appointed shall, in accordance with
Section 5 of Article IV, submit to the
governor nominations to fill the initial
vacancies on the supreme court, including the
office of chief justice. Once the chief
justice is appointed, he shall assume his
seat on the judicial council.

Section 22. Until the courts provided
for in Article IV are organized, the courts,
their jurisdiction and the judicial system
shall remain as constituted on the date of
admission unless otherwise provided by law.
When the state courts are organized, new
actions shall be commenced and filed therein,
and all causes, other than those under the
jurisdiction of the United States, pending
in the courts existing on the date of admission shall be transferred to the proper state court as though commenced, filed or lodged in those courts in the first instance, subject to applicable acts of congress.

Section 23. The provisions of Section 5 of Article II shall not prohibit any member of the first state legislature from holding any office or position created during his first term.

Section 24. Citizens who legally voted in the general election of November 4, 1924, and who meet the residence requirements for voting, shall be entitled to vote notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1 of Article V.