

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

JOURNAL OF THE FIFTEENTH CONVENTION DAY, Tuesday, November ²²~~18~~, 1955

The Convention was called to order at 9:00 o'clock A.M. by President Egan.

The following Invocation was given by Reverend Victor Alfsen, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks:

"Let us pray. Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid, deliver this assembly, O Lord, from arrogance and from impatience, from wilful misunderstanding of each other's difficulties. And grant unto each member a full measure of kindness and love, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen."

Roll call showed all present. The President declared a quorum present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Cyril A. Coyne, Mayor of Skagway, regarding the provision of a right-to-work clause in the Constitution was read. The letter was referred to the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights. Mr. Johnson requested a copy of the letter. The President ordered that Mr. Johnson be furnished a copy of the letter.

Mr. Marston moved and asked unanimous consent that letters be written to General Atkinson, General Bennett and General Ruggles expressing the Convention's appreciation for the fine instruction given during the visit to Ladd Field, as well as for the dinner party. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Resources, announced a meeting of the Committee at 11 A.M. in the Convention Hall for the purpose of meeting with Delegate Bartlett to discuss the relationship between the enabling acts and the constitution. The Chairman also announced that the Committee on Resources will hold its first public hearing, Saturday afternoon, December 3.

Mr. Rosswog announced that the Committee on Local Government would meet at 11 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Collins announced that the Committee on Direct Legislation would meet as scheduled.

Mr. Coghill announced that the Committee on Administration would meet as scheduled.

Mr. Cross announced that the Committee on Resolutions would meet immediately on recess in the gallery.

Mr. Sundborg announced a meeting of the Committee on Style and Drafting at 11 A.M. as scheduled.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution by Mr. Kilcher to restore the original name of "Denali" to the mountain now called "Mt. McKinley" was introduced.

Mr. Kilcher asked unanimous consent that the Rules be suspended and the resolution be advanced to third reading. Mr. Sundborg objected. Mr. Kilcher moved. Mr. Peratrovich seconded.

Mr. Taylor rose to a point of order regarding advancing a resolution to third reading immediately following introduction and omitting second reading.

The President declared a short recess.

AFTER RECESS

The President ruled that in absence of any definite instruction, such as the legislature has in the Organic Act, a suspension of the rules advancing a resolution to third reading was in order.

Mr. Davis called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Robertson requested the reading of the resolution.

The Secretary read the resolution.

Mr. Hellenthal rose to a point of order that this Convention had no jurisdiction over the matter raised in the resolution because of a resolution adopted which stated the Constitution should be a document of fundamental principles.

The President ruled that a resolution would not necessarily become part of the constitution. It might be a directive for some matter to be taken under consideration.

The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended and Mr. Kilcher's resolution advanced to third reading?", the roll was called with the following result:

- Ayes: 6 - Collins, Harris, Kilcher, Peratrovich, Stewart, Smith
- Nays: 49 - Armstrong, Awes, Barr, Boswell, Buckalew, Coghill, Cooper, Cross, Davis, Doogan, Emberg, H. Fischer, V. Fischer, Gray, Hellenthal, Hermann, Hilscher, Hinckel, Hurley, Johnson, King, Knight, Laws, Lee, Londborg, McCutcheon, McLaughlin, McNealy, McNees, Marston, Metcalf, Nerland, Nolan, Nordale, Poulsen, Reader, Riley, R. Rivers, V. Rivers, Robertson, Rosswog, Sundborg, Sweeney, Taylor, VanderLeest, Walsh, White, Wien, Mr. President

and so the request for suspension of the rules failed and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Mr. White reported that his committee had read the Journal for the eleventh day and asked that it be approved with the following changes: Page 2, paragraph 2, add "V." before Rivers. Page 2, paragraph one under Committee Reports, change "memorandum" to "memoranda". Mr. Doogan asked that he be shown as present on the roll call. There being no objection, the Journal was approved with the foregoing corrections.

Mr. Taylor moved that the Convention unanimously approve the installation of the tables and chairs for the seating of the delegates. Mr. Marston seconded. Mr. Johnson asked unanimous consent. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary announced that additional copies of the Statehood Committee studies were available to those delegates who may have received copies which were not bound correctly.

The Secretary also announced that the entertainment scheduled for the delegates at Eielson Air Force Base had been postponed.

Mr. Johnson asked unanimous consent that the Convention recess until 1:30 P.M. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. Johnson asked unanimous consent that the Convention revert to introduction of proposals. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSALS

Proposal No. 16, by Mr. Johnson, entitled A SUGGESTED PREAMBLE, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights.

Proposal No. 17, by Mr. Taylor, entitled PUBLIC WELFARE, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on

Executive Branch. Mr. Doogan stated he believed the proposal should be referred to the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights.

Miss Awes suggested that since the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights had had an earlier proposal on the same subject referred to it, it might be best for all proposals dealing with the same subject to be referred to the same committee.

The President announced that the earlier Committee referral be changed and Proposal No. 17 would be referred to the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights.

The President announced a meeting of the secretaries of all Standing Committees at 1 o'clock p.m., Wednesday in Room 208.

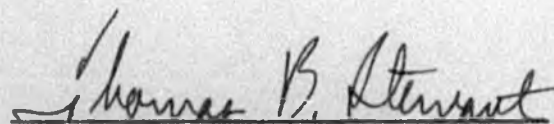
Letter from Acting Governor Waino E. Hendrickson, requesting a leave of absence for John B. Coghill to attend the President's White House Conference on Education, was read.

The President stated Mr. Coghill would be absent approximately nine days and that without objection the President would adhere to the request from the Governor of Alaska and allow Mr. Coghill a leave of absence in order to attend the White House Conference. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

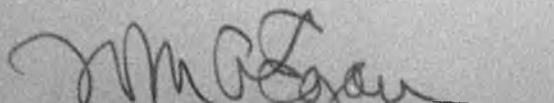
Mr. Johnson asked unanimous consent that the prayer given at the morning session be spread in its entirety upon the Journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. McNealy announced a meeting of the Committee on Ordinances immediately following adjournment.

Mr. Johnson moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention adjourn until 9 o'clock a.m., Wednesday morning.


THOMAS B. STEWART
Secretary

Attested:


WILLIAM A. EGAN
President