

Constitutional Convention
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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

JOURNAL OF THE EIGHTEENTH CONVENTION DAY, Friday, November 25, 1955

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

The Invocation was given by Reverend Richard Lambert of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Fairbanks.

Roll call showed all present except Mr. Hurley, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. Poulsen and Mr. V. Rivers. The President declared a quorum to be present.

Mr. Knight asked unanimous consent that the Journal for the Fifteenth Day be approved with the following corrections: change date to November 22, on page 1 at top and bottom of page. There being no objection, the Journal was ordered approved as corrected.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSALS

Proposal No. 19, by Mr. Johnson, entitled DEALING WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF POWERS, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

Mr. Buckalew reported that the Committee appointed to obtain gavels for the use of the Convention had had them appropriately engraved and returned to the President.

The President asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to return Mrs. Hermann's gavel to her and asked Mr. Buckalew to read the following inscription which had been placed on the gavel:

"Gavel used by Hon. B. Frank Heintzleman to open Alaska Constitutional Convention, University of Alaska, 1955, Mildred R. Hermann, President Pro-tem"

The President again congratulated Mrs. Hermann on the wonderful way she handled her job as temporary president of the Convention.

At the request of Mr. Buckalew, the President read the following inscription on the gavel to be used during the Convention:

18th Day, Friday, Nov. 25

"Official Gavel, Alaska Constitutional Convention, 1955,
University of Alaska, William A. Egan, President"

Mr. Buckalew read the inscription which was placed on the
letter opener given the President as follows:

"Presented to William A. (Wild Bill) Egan, President, Alaska
Constitutional Convention, by Delegates"

Mr. Robertson stated that the Chairman of the Committee on
Resolutions had a report to make.

Mr. Cross, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, stated
that the report would be delayed a day or two.

The President asked that the delegates address the Chair
immediately on arising in order to aid him in recognizing a
delegate due to the seating arrangement which makes it difficult
for the President to see all corners of the room.

Mr. Collins announced a meeting of the Committee on ~~Ordinances~~
on schedule. *Direct Legislation*

Mr. Coghill announced a meeting of the Committee on Administra-
tion on schedule.

Mrs. Sweeney announced that the Committee on Legislative Branch
would not meet as scheduled, but would meet with the Committee on
Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment.

Mr. Davis asked unanimous consent that the Convention recess
until 1:30 p.m. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. Taylor moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention
revert to introduction of proposals.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSALS

Proposal No. 20, by Mr. Hinckel, entitled TO LIMIT THE ASSESSED
VALUATION OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, OCCUPIED BY THE OWNER AS A
HOME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, AND THUS ENABLE THE UNRESTRICTED
IMPROVEMENT OF SUCH PROPERTY AS THE FANCY AND ABILITY OF THE OWNER
PERMITS; WITHOUT FEAR THAT CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION, METHODS OF
ASSESSMENT, FLUCTUATIONS IN MONETARY VALUES OR RETIREMENT OF THE
OWNER ON FIXED INCOME WOULD PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF RETENTION
OF THE PROPERTY AS A HOME AFTER YEARS OF PLANNING AND CREATION,
was introduced, read the first time, and referred to the Committee
on Finance and Taxation.

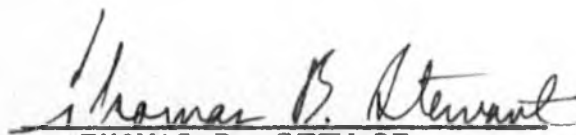
Proposal No. 21, by Mr. Harris, entitled RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights.

Proposal No. 22, by Mr. Taylor, entitled JUDICIAL BRANCH, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Branch.


Mr. Buckalew asked unanimous consent that the committee to purchase gavels be discharged. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. King asked unanimous consent that an oil painting available through the University of Alaska be hung in back of the President's chair for the duration of the Convention. There being no objection, it was so ordered. The President appointed Mr. King and Mrs. Sweeney as a committee to take care of the matter.

Mr. Buckalew moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention adjourn until 9 o'clock A.M., Saturday morning. There being no objection, it was so ordered.


THOMAS B. STEWART
Secretary

Attested:


WILLIAM A. EGAN
President