

Constitutional Convention

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

JOURNAL OF THE NINETEENTH CONVENTION DAY, Saturday, November 26, 1955

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

The Invocation was given by Reverend Charles C. Powers, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Totem Park.

Roll Call showed all present except Mr. Coghill,* Mr. Hurley, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. Poulsen and Mr. V. Rivers. The President declared a quorum present.

Mr. White asked unanimous consent that the Journal for the Sixteenth Day be approved as read. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Rosswog announced that the Committee on Local Government would meet at 11 a.m. rather than as scheduled.

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

Mr. Marston requested the privilege of the floor. Mr. Sundborg stated that since the soundscribing equipment was not operating perhaps Mr. Marston would like to delay his request. Without objection Mr. Marston withdrew his request for privilege of the floor at this time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSALS

Proposal No. 23 by Mr. Robertson, entitled LEGISLATURE: TO CREATE A LEGISLATURE WITH QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS MEMBERS, AND TO ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE AND SUB-LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS, AND REPRESENTATION THEREFROM, AND TO REQUIRE DECENNIAL REAPPORTIONMENT, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Legislative Branch.

Proposal No. 24, by Mr. Taylor, entitled SEAT OF GOVERNMENT, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Resolutions and Recommendations.

Proposal No. 25, by Mr. McNealy, entitled LEGISLATURE TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO, AND RESTRICT, AGENCIES, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Legislative Branch.

*Mr. Coghill excused in accordance with action taken by Convention, November 22.

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Mr. Metcalf, secretary of the Committee on Direct Legislation, stated that the Committee believed that Proposal No. 6 which had been referred to it should be referred to the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The President declared a short recess.

AFTER RECESS

Resolution by Mr. Kilcher pertaining to apportionment was introduced and at the request of the author was referred to the Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment.

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

AFTER RECESS

Mrs. Sweeney announced that there would be no meeting of the Committee on Legislative Branch today.

The Secretary stated that the bus schedule had been changed effective Monday, November 28, and arrangements would have to be made regarding a five o'clock bus. This matter would be taken up on Monday.

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

Mr. White introduced the following resolution on behalf of Mr. Riley and himself:

"RESOLUTION

Introduced by Mr. White and Mr. Riley

"Any person who appears before the Constitutional Convention or any of its Committees to offer testimony in support of, or in opposition to, any proposal or subject matter under consideration for inclusion in the Constitution of the State of Alaska shall first register with the Secretary of the Convention and shall identify himself as to principal business pursuit. He shall state also whether he appears before the Convention or any of its Committees in an individual or in a representative capacity. If in a representative capacity, he shall be required to state whom he represents in advocating or opposing the inclusion of any subject matter in the said Constitution."

Mr. White moved the adoption of the resolution and asked unanimous consent. Mr. Gray objected. Mr. Sundborg seconded.

Mr. Johnson rose to a point of order that the resolution should be referred to a committee for action, under Rule 53.

The President declared a short recess.

The President stated that Mr. Johnson's point of order was not taken under Rule 53.

Mr. Hellenthal, Mr. McNealy and Mr. Peratrovich spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Mr. V. Fischer moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be referred for review and recommendation to the Rules Committee. Mr. Taylor objected. Mr. Riley seconded. On voice vote the motion carried and the resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Mr. Marston asked for and was granted personal privilege of the floor to speak on granting land to natives at Unalakleet.

Mr. Marston asked unanimous consent that the Convention revert to the introduction of proposals.

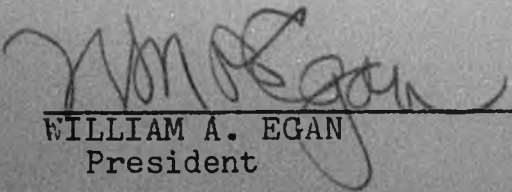
INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSALS

Proposal No. 26, by Mr. Marston, entitled DISPOSAL OF STATE LANDS TO ACHIEVE CERTAIN SOCIAL AND ECONOMICALLY BENEFICIAL PURPOSES, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Resources.

Mr. Davis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention adjourn until 9:00 o'clock a.m., Monday morning. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

THOMAS B. STEWART
Secretary

Attested:



WILLIAM A. EGAN
President