

Constitutional Convention

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION DAY, Wednesday, November 30, 1955

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

The Invocation was given by Mrs. Zora Banks, Chairman of the Local Assembly of the Baha'i World Faith of Fairbanks.

Roll call showed all delegates present except Mr. Coghill, who is absent on permission of the Convention.

The reading of the Journal was postponed until the afternoon session.

Mr. Riley, as Chairman of the Rules Committee, reported back Resolution No. 6 which had been referred to it for consideration.

Mr. Riley moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the following Rules Committee Substitute for Resolution No. 6:

"Any person who appears to offer testimony in support of, or in opposition to, any subject matter under consideration by the Constitutional Convention or any of its Committees shall be required to state whether he appears in an individual or a representative capacity. If in a representative capacity, he shall be required to state whom he represents in so appearing."

Mr. Rosswog objected. Mr. Collins seconded. Mr. Hellenthal also objected. On voice vote the motion carried.

Mr. ~~Cooper~~ ^{Rosswog} asked for a roll call.

Mr. Johnson rose to a point of order that the result of the vote had already been announced and a roll call was out of order. The President stated Mr. Johnson's point of order was well taken.

Mr. Smith moved and asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Resolutions and Recommendations be charged with the responsibility of making certain that proposals covering the seven requirements of H.R. 2535 are submitted to this Convention.

23rd Day, Wednesday, Nov. 30

The President asked Mr. Smith if he would submit that motion in the form of a Resolution at the afternoon session. Mr. Smith agreed to do this and withdrew his motion at this time.

Mr. Rosswog announced a meeting of the Committee on Local Government at 11 a.m. today.

Mr. Cross announced the Committee on Resolutions would meet at its scheduled time.

Mr. Hilscher asked unanimous consent that the Convention meet Mrs. Laura Jones, eighth grade teacher in the Fairbanks schools, who was doing such a wonderful job of bringing the Constitutional Convention to her students. There being no objection, Mr. Hilscher introduced Mrs. Jones.

Mr. Fischer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to hear Mrs. Jones. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The President asked Mr. Fischer to preside.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Jones' presentation Mr. Egan moved and asked unanimous consent that the Committee of the Whole report. There being no objection the Committee arose.

The President called the Convention to order.

Mr. Fischer reported that the Committee of the Whole would like to express its appreciation to Mrs. Laura Jones for a very fine presentation. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Cooper asked unanimous consent that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter to Mrs. Jones' class issuing a formal invitation to the class to attend one of the plenary sessions. ~~so they~~ There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Sundborg moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention recess until 1:30 o'clock p.m.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. White moved and asked unanimous consent that the Journal for the twenty-first day be approved subject to the following corrections: page 2, insert "R." in front of Rivers in the fourth and fifth paragraphs; page 3, add an "'s" to Convention; on page 7 add, "There being no objection, it was so ordered." at the end of paragraph 1. Add "p.m." after "1:50"; delete "so they could" and

would have an official document in their copybook.

substitute "and"; delete "it is agreeable with the Senator" and substitute "possible" in the second paragraph on page 7.

There being no objection, the Journal was approved as corrected.

Mr. Doogan requested personal privilege of the floor to suggest that anyone who wanted to be excused from the morning session on Thursday to attend the funeral of an old pioneer resident of Fairbanks, Mrs. Dan F. Eagan, be allowed to do so.

Mr. Doogan asked unanimous consent that those delegates who desired to attend the funeral of Mrs. Eagan be excused from the Thursday morning session and be marked present on roll call. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. McLaughlin moved that remarks under personal privilege shall not be soundscribed in the future. Mr. V. Rivers objected. Mr. White seconded.

Mrs. Sweeney asked whether that would apply to special privilege also or only to personal privilege.

The President ruled that it would mean any motion made under privilege.

Mr. Hilscher rose to a point of information as to what would be accomplished by Mr. McLaughlin's motion.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that it would cut off a lot of unnecessary remarks which had no bearing on the business of the Convention.

Mr. V. Rivers expressed opposition to the motion.

Mr. Sundborg reported that this matter had been discussed in a meeting of committee chairmen and it had been the unanimous vote of the chairmen to favor this motion. Mr. Sundborg added that Mr. V. Rivers had not been present at the meeting. He further stated that a survey shows the Convention will run far over the number of hours guaranteed to be soundscribed and it was the feeling of the chairmen that personal privilege remarks were something which could be eliminated.

Mr. Hurley rose to a point of information to inquire how he would speak to a subject when he did not wish to make a motion.

The President stated that he could ask for unanimous consent to revert to a certain subject which may have been before the Convention previously which would amount to a suspension of the rules.

The question being "Shall the soundscribing be shut off when a person has gained the floor under privilege?", on voice vote the motion carried.

Mr. Cooper moved and asked unanimous consent that the late evening TV programs be suspended. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

The President announced that at a meeting of the Committee Chairmen it had been decided to suspend all TV appearances for the time being.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that this would be effective Saturday.

Mr. Rosswog stated this would be effective Friday night.

Mr. Cooper stated that with the consent of his second he would withdraw his motion.

The Secretary announced that the Convention stationery was available.

Communications from the President of the University announcing a tea at the President's Residence honoring women delegates and wives of delegates, women members of the faculty and wives of faculty members, and others, and inviting the women delegates to the Panel Discussion Group of the American Association of University Women at a luncheon Saturday, December 3rd, at 12:30 p.m., were read.

Mr. McNealy announced a meeting of the Committee on Ordinances on recess.

The President reminded the delegates of the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Mr. Sundborg moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention adjourn until 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

Mr. Hilscher brought up the question of soundscribing the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Sundborg withdrew his motion to adjourn and asked unanimous consent that the Convention resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss arrangements for recording the Committee of the Whole session tonight.

The President asked Mr. Sundborg to preside.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Johnson moved that the Committee of the Whole rise and report. Mr. McNealy seconded.

The President called the Convention to order.

Mr. Johnson started to make a motion, but was interrupted on a point of order request by Mr. Sundborg that the report of the Committee of the Whole was in order at this time.

The President stated Mr. Sundborg's point was well taken and asked for the Committee of the Whole report.

Mr. Sundborg reported that the Committee of the Whole received the report that Radio Station KFAR would soundscribe the evening's proceedings and moved the adoption of the report. Mr. Robertson seconded.

Mr. Hellenthal moved to amend Mr. Sundborg's report to add "and that the stenotypist will not be called upon". Mrs. Hermann objected. Mr. White seconded.

The President ruled that the motion would not be in order at this time.

There being no objection, the report of the Committee of the Whole was adopted.

Mr. McLaughlin moved that the services of the stenotypist be dispensed with this evening during the hearing of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. White seconded.

Mr. Riley rose to a point of information that the Convention had not yet accepted the offer of Radio Station KFAR.

Mr. Hilscher asked unanimous consent that the Convention accept the offer of KFAR to soundscribe the Committee of the Whole meeting of this evening.

Mr. Riley rose to a point of order that there was a motion on the floor which had not been acted upon.

Mr. McLaughlin asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion temporarily with the consent of his second.

On voice vote Mr. Hilscher's motion was adopted.

Mr. McLaughlin asked to reinstate his motion at this time and asked unanimous consent for its adoption. Mr. Johnson objected to the unanimous consent request.

Mrs. Hermann spoke in opposition to the motion stating the stenotypist's record would be invaluable.

Mr. White favored the motion because he believed a stenotyped record would be an unnecessary expense.

Mr. Harris moved the previous question. Mr. Doogan seconded. On voice vote the motion carried.

The previous question being "Shall the services of the stenotypist be dispensed with this evening during the hearing of the Committee of the Whole?", the roll was called with the following result:

Yeas: 18 - Barr, Boswell, Cross, Doogan, Emberg, Harris, Hellenthal, Hurley, King, Knight, Lee, McNealy, Nolan, Peratrovich, Rosswog, Sweeney, White, Mr. President.

Nays: 33 - Armstrong, Awes, Collins, Cooper, Davis, H. Fischer, V. Fischer, Gray, Hermann, Hilscher, Hinckel, Johnson, Kilcher, Laws, Londborg, McCutcheon, McLaughlin, McNees, Marston, Metcalf, Nerland, Nordale, Poulsen, Reader, Riley, V. Rivers, Robertson, Smith, Stewart, Sundborg, VanderLeest, Walsh, Wien

Absent: 4 - Buckalew, Coghill, R. Rivers, Taylor

and so the motion failed.

Mr. Sundborg moved and asked unanimous consent that the stenotypist be paid \$25.00 additional salary for the evening session. Mr. Marston seconded. Mr. Poulsen objected. Mrs. Sweeney objected. Mr. Barr spoke in favor.

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Yeas: 22 - Awes, Barr, Cross, Davis, Doogan, Emberg, H. Fischer, Hurley, Johnson, King, McCutcheon, McNealy, Marston, Metcalf, Nordale, Peratrovich, Robertson, Stewart, Sundborg, VanderLeest, White, Mr. President.

Nays: 29 - Armstrong, Boswell, Collins, Cooper, V. Fischer, Gray, Harris, Hellenthal, Hermann, Hilscher, Hinckel, Kilcher, Knight, Laws, Lee, Londborg, McLaughlin, McNees, Nerland, Nolan, Poulsen, Reader, Riley, V. Rivers, Rosswog, Smith, Sweeney, Walsh, Wien.

Absent: 4 - Buckalew, Coghill, R. Rivers, Taylor

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Mrs. Nordale moved and asked unanimous consent that only one copy be made of the transcript and that it be placed in the library for reference.

Mr. McNees rose to a point of information to suggest that the motion include that the copy not be removed from the library. The suggestion was included in the motion without objection.

Mr. Kilcher asked whether it could not be five copies, but this suggestion was not included on objection.

There being no further objection, the motion was adopted.

Mr. McLaughlin moved to recess until 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Londborg objected.

Mr. Londborg moved that the Journals for the first 8 days of the session be placed on the delegates desks immediately. On explanation of the Chief Clerk that they were in the works, Mr. Londborg withdrew his motion.

There being no further business at this time, the Convention recessed until 7:30 o'clock p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Convention was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. McCutcheon asked unanimous consent that the Convention resolve into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing the proposal of bicameralism or unicameralism. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Mr. Rivers and Mr. Barr declined the invitation of the President to take the Chair because they wished to speak on the issue.

Mr. Peratrovich stated that in a Committee of the Whole the Chairman could speak.

The President asked Mr. Riley to preside.

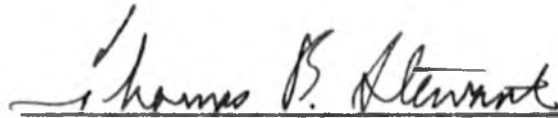
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. V. Rivers asked unanimous consent that the Committee of the Whole rise and report progress. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Convention was called to order by the President.


Mr. Riley stated that the Committee of the Whole had met, risen and reported progress.

There being no further business at this time, Mr. Hellenthal asked unanimous consent that the Convention adjourn until 9:00 o'clock a.m., Thursday morning. There being no objection, it was so ordered.



THOMAS B. STEWART
Secretary

Attested:



WILLIAM A. EGAN
President