

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH CONVENTION DAY, Saturday, December 3, 1955

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

The Invocation was given by Reverend James Gamble, minister of the Pentacostal Holiness Church.

Roll call showed all delegates present except Mr. Coghill, Mr. Davis, Mr. Emberg, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hilscher, and Mr. Walsh, whose absences had been excused by the President.

Telegram from the Office of the Governor of Alaska stating Governor Heintzleman would be unable to attend the hearing of the Executive Committee to be held this date because of his absence in Washington, D. C., and calling attention to remarks made in his speech to the delegates at the opening ceremonies, was read and ordered referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Rosswog announced that the Committee on Local Government would not meet today, but would meet Sunday at 2 o'clock in Apartment 205 in the Northward Building. Mr. Rosswog introduced Mr. Weldon Cooper, consultant to the Local Government Committee, who spoke briefly.

Mr. Smith announced that there would be no meeting of the Resources Committee this morning.

Mr. V. Rivers called attention to the committee hearing of the Executive Branch Committee at 9:30 this morning.

Miss Awes announced that there would be no meeting of the Bill of Rights Committee today, but the Committee would meet Monday as scheduled.

Mr. McLaughlin announced a special meeting of the Committee on Judiciary on recess.

Mr. Sundborg announced a brief meeting of the Committee on Style and Drafting on recess.

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

Mr. McNealy announced that the Committee on Ordinances would not meet until Monday, but that the subcommittees would meet over the weekend.

Mr. Armstrong reported that the letter of sympathy to the Command at Eielson, which he had been directed to write for the President, had been sent.

Mr. Armstrong called the attention of the delegates to the presence in the gallery of Reverend Elmer Parker, who had served for many years at St. Lawrence Island and Hydaburg and stated he would be pleased to answer any questions concerning these areas.

Mr. Sundborg moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention dispense with the afternoon plenary session and at the conclusion of this morning's business adjourn until 9 o'clock Monday morning. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The President declared a short recess.

The President called upon Mr. Sundborg to report for a select committee of three, appointed from the Committee Chairmen--Mr. Sundborg, Mr. Nerland and Mr. Hellenthal--, to look into the feasibility of holding public hearings during a proposed recess.

Mr. Sundborg asked that the delegates fill out a questionnaire submitted by the Committee which would aid them in reaching a decision.

Mr. R. Rivers asked about the Attorney General's opinion on a recess.

Mr. Sundborg stated that the Attorney General's opinion had been verbal, but that a written opinion would arrive within a few days. He stated that the Attorney General gave his opinion on what was allowable, but that it was up to the Convention to decide whether or not they wished to pay transportation and per diem for the recess and salary during the time hearings were held. Mr. Sundborg also stated that it had been proposed that the recess begin December 20 and last until January 4, making 15 days in all.

Mrs. Hermann requested a statement from the Committee Chairmen regarding the public hearings to be held today.

Mr. V. Rivers announced the Executive Branch would hold its hearing at 9:30 a.m. in the gallery.

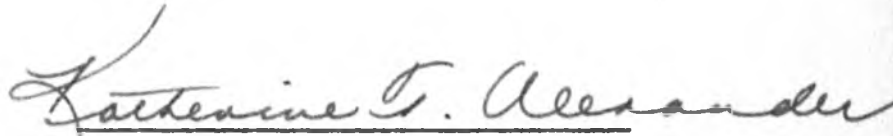
Mr. Smith stated the Resources Committee would hold its hearing at 3 o'clock p.m. in the Convention Hall.

Mr. Nerland stated the Finance hearing would be at 2 o'clock p.m. in the Committee Room.


Mr. Collins stated there would be no meeting of the Committee on Direct Legislation today.

Mr. Sundborg moved that the secretariat write letters to the Director of Finance and Territorial Treasurer expressing thanks for the expeditious manner in which they have been handling the matters pertaining to the Convention. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Sundborg moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention adjourn until 9 o'clock Monday morning and that in line with action taken that the adjournment be out of respect to the memory of the late Anthony J. Dimond. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

  
KATHERINE T. ALEXANDER  
Chief Clerk

Attested:

  
WILLIAM A. EGAN  
President