

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-NINTH CONVENTION DAY, Tuesday, December 6, 1955

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

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Harry P. Henderson of Ladd Air Force Base.

Roll call showed all members present. The President declared a quorum to be present.

Mr. Smith asked unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Senator R. E. Ellis of Ketchikan. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Ellis spoke briefly to the delegates.

Mr. Doogan reported that the Journals for the first four days had been read and corrected, but rather than take the time of the Convention the corrected copies would be placed in the library where the delegates could check the corrections before approval would be requested.

Miss Awes, Chairman of the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights, reported that paragraphs 6 and 7 of Proposal 17 and paragraph 5 of Proposal 9 had been referred to the Committee on Resources.

Mr. Hellenthal, Chairman of the Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment, submitted a committee report containing the Article on Suffrage and Elections, Committee Proposal No. 1, which had been unanimously approved by the Committee.

The President ordered the proposal placed on the calendar in second reading.

Mrs. Hermann questioned whether a Committee could refer a proposal to another Committee without the consent of the President.

Mr. Riley, Chairman of the Rules Committee, referred to and read Rule 45.

The President announced that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights, paragraphs 6 and 7 of Proposal 17 and paragraph 5 of Proposal 9 would be referred to the Committee on Resources.

COMMUNICATIONS

A telegram from R. E. McFarland, President of the Alaska Territorial Federation of Labor, stating that the first day of merger of the AFL-CIO saw the unanimous passage of a resolution calling for immediate statehood for Alaska, was read and ordered filed.

A letter from Colonel Carl Y. Farrell, District Engineer, offering a film to be shown, entitled "The Great Land" covering the activities of the Corps of Engineers in Alaska since 1869, was read.

Mr. Taylor moved that the Convention accept the offer of the District Engineer.

The President announced that Mr. Frank Whaley had offered to show a film on the Arctic and asked for an expression from the Convention on arranging to view both films some evening.

Mr. Taylor withdrew his motion.

Mr. Sundborg asked unanimous consent that the Convention view the films offered by Colonel Farrell and Mr. Whaley and that the Committee on Administration arrange the details. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. V. Rivers asked unanimous consent that the Convention acknowledge the telegram from Mr. McFarland and thank the combined AFL-CIO Association for the support in their resolution approving statehood for Alaska and Hawaii at an early date and that the President and Secretary be authorized to sign such a wire.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSALS

Proposal No. 36, by Mrs. Sweeney, entitled MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE SENATE, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Legislative Branch. At the request of Mrs. Sweeney the President ordered the proposal referred to the Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment.

Mrs. Hermann asked unanimous consent that all Chairmen of Committees beginning with Committee No. IV make a daily progress report as a part of the regular business of this Convention.

Mr. Smith objected. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

After lengthy discussion, Mr. Cooper moved the previous question. Mr. Stewart seconded. On voice vote the previous question was ordered.

The previous question being "Shall the Committee Chairmen make a daily progress report?", on voice vote the motion failed.

Mr. McLaughlin moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention make the consideration of the Judiciary Article, which will be reported out Wednesday, a special order of business on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock a.m. Mr. V. Rivers objected. Mr. Taylor seconded.

Mr. V. Rivers stated he believed the Judiciary Proposal should take its regular course and come up for second reading and be assigned to the calendar by the Rules Committee.

The President stated that the Chairman of the Rules Committee was planning to call a meeting to discuss the setting of the calendar.

Mr. McLaughlin asked unanimous consent that with the consent of his second he be allowed to withdraw his motion. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mrs. Hermann inquired whether the Chairman of the Committee on Style and Drafting had received target dates for Committee Proposals from Committee Chairmen.

The Chairman of the Committee on Style and Drafting, Mr. Sundborg, stated he had received a few, but that a complete report would be made in the morning.

Mr. Coghill announced a meeting of the Committee on Administration one hour after adjournment.

Mr. Armstrong asked unanimous consent that Mr. Coghill make a report to the Convention on the White House Conference on Education and that this be made an order of business in the near future. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Riley announced a meeting of the Rules Committee in the gallery on adjournment.

Mr. Sundborg announced a meeting of the special committee to arrange hearings during the recess at 3 o'clock p.m.

Mrs. Hermann inquired when the matter of the recess would be decided by the Convention.

Mr. Hurley moved and asked unanimous consent that the question of setting the dates for recess and hearings be made a general order of business on Wednesday. Mr. Sundborg objected. Mr. Kilcher seconded.

Mr. Hellenthal stated that the Attorney General had been requested to send his written opinion on the question of recess and hearings as soon as possible and the Convention should wait until the special Committee assigned to looking into the matter of hearings had had time to report.

The question being "Shall the question of setting the dates for recess and hearings be made a general order of business Wednesday?", on voice vote the motion failed.

Mr. Gray moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention adjourn until 9 o'clock a.m. Wednesday. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

KATHERINE T. ALEXANDER
Chief Clerk

Attested:

WILLIAM A. EGAN
President