

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

JOURNAL FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD CONVENTION DAY, Saturday, December 10, 1955

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

The Invocation was given by Mr. Harry O. Arend, Branch President, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Slaterville.

Roll call showed everyone present except Mr. Buckalew and Mrs. Fischer, whose absences were excused because of illness.

Mr. V. Rivers asked unanimous consent that Committee Proposal No. 2 be continued in second reading until Monday, December 12. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The President called attention to the presence in the gallery of the Anchorage High School basketball team, schoolmates and the coach. Mr. Ned Imlach, spokesman for the group, addressed the delegates.

At the request of Mr. Johnson and with the unanimous consent of the Convention, the remarks of Mr. Imlach were ordered spread on the Journal. They were as follows:

"Mr. President, Delegates and Guests:

As spokesman for the Anchorage High School basketball team I wish to express our gratitude and thanks for the honor of attending this Convention and viewing the proceedings.

The students of Anchorage High School are well aware of the significance of your work here and realize that what is accomplished will have a direct bearing on our future lives here in Alaska.

This awareness was increased by the speeches given our student body by Delegate Bartlett and Senator Knowland.

We are indebted to these distinguished men for increasing our knowledge of the needs of our Territory and future State of Alaska.

Observing the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention will give us a much greater insight into the problems and difficulties involved in drawing up a state constitution.

All of us realize that this is probably the last time that a Constitutional Convention will take place in the history of the United States.

We are aware that this opportunity given us today is one which will probably never be granted to young people of future generations.

We are very grateful for the invitation extended to us by you, the Delegates, and I am sure that this is an occasion none of us will forget the rest of our lives. Thank you."

Mr. Doogan moved and asked unanimous consent that due to the press of work the approval of the Journal be held over until Monday morning.

Mr. Coghill reported that the Committee on Administration had met and requested the pleasure of the Delegates relative to viewing the Alaska Visitors Association film Sunday evening.

Mr. Sundborg moved and asked unanimous consent that the film be shown Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock p.m. After discussion he changed the motion to read 7 o'clock. Upon further discussion Mr. Sundborg asked unanimous consent to amend his motion that the film be shown Monday evening and the arrangements be made by the Chairman of the Administration Committee. There being no objection it was so ordered.

The President instructed Mr. Coghill to report back on Monday morning.

Miss Awes reported that the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights had considered Delegate Proposal No. 6 and since certain provisions were not within the scope of the Committee on Bill of Rights it was recommended that Sections 8, 10, 11 and 12 be referred to the Committee on Finance and Section 13 be referred to the Committee on Resources.

The President stated that in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights the sections mentioned were referred to the respective committees.

Mr. Sundborg called attention to the Resolution adopted regarding holding hearings and its provision that hearing committees select their chairmen and secretaries and if possible set the exact times and places of hearings so a report thereon may be made to the Convention prior to the fifteen-day recess.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rosswog announced a public hearing of the Committee on Local Government on recess.

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

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

Mr. Robertson asked the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee whether a meeting was scheduled. Mr. Cross reported there would be no meeting of this committee today.

Mr. Hellenthal announced a meeting of the Committee on Suffrage on schedule.

Mr. Smith announced that the Committee on Resources would meet as scheduled.

Mr. Coghill announced a meeting of the Committee on Administration at 11 a.m.

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

Miss Awes announced a meeting of the Committee on Bill of Rights on schedule.

Mr. Sundborg asked unanimous consent that when the Convention adjourned, adjournment be to Sunday afternoon to make it possible to continue with the calendar.

Mr. V. Rivers objected and announced that the Executive Committee planned to meet Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Sundborg asked whether the Executive Committee could not meet Sunday morning as to permit a plenary session that afternoon.

Mr. Armstrong stated he would object to any meetings being set for Sunday morning.

Mr. Nerland announced a meeting of the Committee on Finance on Sunday from 12 until 3.

Mrs. Hermann inquired as to a meeting of the Committee on Style and Drafting.

Mr. Sundborg requested a short recess.

AFTER RECESS

The President announced that all visitors were welcome to attend committee hearings at all times.

Mr. Sundborg announced that the Committee on Style and Drafting would meet at 12:15 Monday in the cafeteria.
10 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Walsh stated that he did not wish to receive per diem even though he would be staying in Fairbanks during the recess.

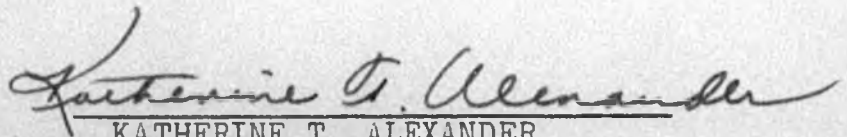
Mr. Robertson stated that he did not wish to receive his transportation or per diem during the recess even though he planned to attend the hearing in Juneau.

Mrs. Nordale stated that since she would neither be remaining in Fairbanks nor returning to Juneau for hearings she wanted the payroll clerk so advised so she would not be paid per diem or travel.

The President announced that he would be receiving today via telephone the opinion of the Attorney General regarding recess and it would be mimeographed and available to the Delegates on Monday.

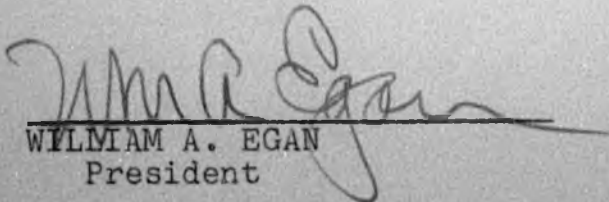
Mr. Hilscher rose on a question of personal privilege to correct a statement he had made during debate on Thursday regarding the mention of capitals in state constitutions. Mr. Sundborg likewise corrected a statement he had made on the same subject.

Mr. McLaughlin on behalf of Mrs. Wien moved adjournment until 9 o'clock a.m., Monday morning and asked unanimous consent. There being no objection, it was so ordered.



KATHERINE T. ALEXANDER
Chief Clerk

Attested:



WILLIAM A. EGAN
President