The Convention was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Egan.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Armstrong.

Roll call showed all members present except Mr. VanderLeest, who was reported ill. The President declared a quorum to be present.

The President reported that General Dean would make a speech at 1 p.m. at the University gymnasium and that following that speech he will address the convention.

Mr. Smith announced that the Committee on Resources will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at Apartment 504 in the Polaris Building, and at 12:50 p.m. Friday.

A general discussion by the delegates of Committee Proposal No. 14 continued.

Mr. McCutcheon moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention proceed to the consideration of Committee Proposal No. 14 for the purposes of amendment. Mrs. Sweeney objected. Mr. Taylor seconded.

Mr. Kilcher moved that the convention recess for fifteen minutes. Mr. Buckalew seconded. On voice vote the Convention recessed.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. Knight asked unanimous consent that the Journal for the 46th Convention day be approved as read. There being no objection it was so ordered.

Mrs. Sweeney withdrew her objection to Mr. McCutcheon's unanimous consent request. Mr. Nolan objected temporarily to ask a few questions.

After further discussion the President called for amendments to Committee Proposal No. 14.

Mr. V. Rivers asked unanimous consent that the supplemental report containing committee changes to Proposal No. 14 be made a part of the Proposal. Mrs. Hermann objected for the purposes of clarification of the number of the Proposal on the mimeographed sheet.

The President declared a short recess.

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The President ordered that the number on the mimeographed sheet be changed from 9 to 14.

The President ordered that, without objection, the following changes proposed by the Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment would be made a part of Committee Proposal No. 14:

Add at the end of Section 2, line 20, page 2 of Committee Proposal 14, the following:

"Provided that the districts from which Senators at large are elected may be modified to take account of changes in election districts, but retaining the total number of Senators assigned herein to each such district, and the approximate perimeter of each such district.

Delete in Section 2, line 8 at page 2 of the Committee Proposal the words "by the creation of two or more new districts from within the larger geographic socio-economic areas of the State, or, "and also delete the first word in line 11 "otherwise".

Change in the Schedule of Election Districts (Section 1) District #20, the name "Noatak" to "Barrow".

Mr. Harris moved that Committee Proposal No. 14 be referred to the Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment. Mr. McCutcheon seconded.

After Mrs. Sweeney and Mr. Rivers spoke, Mr. V. Rivers rose to state that the motion was not debatable.

Mr. McCutcheon asked unanimous consent to withdraw his second to the motion. Mr. Harris asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

After questions by Mr. Sundborg, Mr. White, Mr. R. Rivers, and Mr. Hurley of Mr. Hellenthal regarding Section 1, the President declared a short recess.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. Barr stated he had an amendment, but would like to confer with the committee during the noon recess.

Mr. Hellenthal announced a meeting of the Committee on Suffrage,
Elections and Apportionment during the noon recess.

   Mr. Riley announced a meeting of the Rules Committee on recess.

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

AFTER RECESS

A communication from Colonel Ray J. Will, Commander of Eielson Air Force Base, thanking the delegates for their contribution to the relief of the recent disaster victims was read. The communication was ordered filed.

The second reading of Committee Proposal No. 14 was continued. After Mr. Barr and Mr. V. Rivers spoke, Mr. Hellenthal rose to a point of order and stated that the Committee had made recommendations for three amendments and the process might be expedited if the Committee recommendations were presented first. Mr. V. Rivers stated that the Committee recommendations did not cover the same subject matter as his amendment.

The Chair asked Mr. V. Rivers if he wished to discuss his amendment at this time. Mr. V. Rivers replied in the affirmative. Mr. V. Rivers asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the following as a supplement to the Committee Amendment:

Proposal No. 14, Section 2, page 2, after the first word "districts", insert the following sentence:
"Boundaries of election districts and senatorial districts as herein instituted shall be adjusted insofar as practicable to coincide with boundaries of local government areas as redistricting is accomplished from time to time."

Mr. Hellenthal objected. Mr. Knight seconded. Mr. V. Rivers spoke. Mr. Cooper asked unanimous consent that Mr. V. Rivers' supplemental amendment be amended by changing the word "shall" to "may". Mr. V. Rivers objected. Mr. Gray seconded. After Mr. Hinckel and Mr. Gray spoke, the president declared a short recess.

AFTER RECESS

The question was called, "Shall the proposed Amendment to Mr. V. Rivers' amendment be adopted?" On voice vote the amendment to the amendment was adopted. Mr. V. Rivers asked unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Hellenthal gave the following three Committee Amendments to
Committee Proposal No. 14:

(1) Section 2, page 2, line 13, following the comma after the word "areas" add: "may give consideration to local government boundaries."

(2) Lines 5 and 6, page 2, strike the words "adjoining it having the least civilian population" and insert "within its senate district."

(3) Line 3, Page 2, Section 2, after the word "quotient" add "but only then.""

Mr. Taylor rose to a point of information and asked if page 2, line 4, could be changed to read "attached to another, rather than, attached to the." Mr. Hellenthal stated it would accomplish the same purpose and agreed to the change.

Mr. Hellenthal moved for unanimous consent for the adoption of the proposed committee amendments.

Mr. White rose to a point of information. Mr. Cooper, Mr. Coghill, and Mr. Gray spoke. Mr. Hellenthal requested on behalf of the Committee that the committee amendments be considered in turn, and moved for adoption of Committee Amendment No. 3. Mr. Coghill seconded. Mr. Gray objected.

After Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hinckel, Mr. Sundborg, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Nordale, Mr. Taylor, Mr. White and Mr. Coghill spoke, Mr. Gray withdrew his objection. After Mr. Harris spoke, the question was put, "Shall the amendment as offered by Mr. Hellenthal be adopted?" On voice vote the amendment failed.

Mr. Hellenthal asked for a one minute recess. There being no objection, a short recess was declared.

AFTER RECESS

The President called to the attention of the delegates the presence in the gallery of the Eighth Grade of the Parochial School.

Mr. Hellenthal moved the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 2. Seconded by Mr. Coghill. Mr. Sundborg asked for unanimous consent for the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 2. Mr. Hurley objected. Mr. Kilcher rose to a point of information and stated he was confused as to the distinction between Senate District and Senatorial District.

The President called for a short recess.
The President then introduced the convention guest, General William A. Dean. The introductory remarks of President Egan and General Dean's remarks follow:

EGAN: "We are extremely fortunate this afternoon to have as our honored guest a great American, a great soldier. He represents everything that we hold so dear in freedom, in loyalty, in courage and devotion to duty. He has suffered and represents all of those who have suffered so much for each of us. A grateful people in humble recognition have bestowed upon him our nation's highest tribute, the Congressional Medal of Honor. It is a great privilege to present to you Major General William F. Dean." (Applause)

"Thank you, Mr. Egan. Friends, you make me feel very inadequate in this generous tribute. Would that I felt that I merited it. I deem it a great honor to have this opportunity to meet you and to address you here today. I know that you have a full schedule and that time is of the essence, so I won't talk too long.

Since my visit here to the Fairbanks area I have been keenly interested in the work you are doing; in the thoughtful consideration that you are giving this problem of devising a constitution. I had a similar experience as military governor of South Korea. It fell to my lot to advise, I say I did not do the advising, I had experts employed by the United States Government—doctors of philosophy in government and in political science, specialists who had had experience in the building of constitutions of newly freed states—but we were in an advisory capacity. We were trying to devise what we thought best for the Korean people, but we were only advisors. You have an advantage here. What you arrive at you can decide upon and put before your people by referendum to be accepted or to be denied. The way you are going at it I know you are going to come out. I am convinced you will come out with a sound constitution, and I hope you every success in your request for statehood. You are right up here, the closest United States Territory to our most likely enemy. You are the looking glass of the United States. What you do is not only being watched in the United States. It is being watched across this narrow strait up here to the northwest. What you do here is important, and what pleases me is that you yourselves are impressed with its import. That is why I know you are going to do so well. I congratulate you. Thank you."
AFTER RECESS

After Mr. Robertson and Mr. Gray spoke, Mr. Johnson suggested the word "Sub-district" be used to clarify the intent. Mr. Hellenthal concurred in the temporary use of the word "sub-district". Mr. Hurley withdrew his objection. While the question was being called, Mr. Johnson rose to a point of inquiry to ask if the word "sub-district" was included in the amendment. Mr. Hellenthal agreed to insert the word "sub-district". Mr. Cooper asked unanimous consent for the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 2 as amended. There being no objection, the amendment was adopted.

After Mr. Kilcher spoke, Mr. Hellenthal requested a short recess. There being no objection, the recess was ordered.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. Hellenthal asked unanimous consent for the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mrs. Hermann asked unanimous consent that the introduction given by the President and the speech of General William A. Dean be spread upon the Journal. There being no objection it was so ordered.

Mr. Kilcher asked unanimous consent that the word "temporary" be inserted in line 4, section 2, page 2, after the word "be". Mr. Hinckel seconded. The question was called and on voice vote the amendment failed.

Mr. Hinckel moved the adoption of the following amendment:

Section 2, page 2, line 7, delete the words "new district" and substitute the words "combined district".

Mr. Metcalf seconded. After Mr. Hinckel and Mr. Hurley spoke, Mr. Taylor called for the question. The question being: "Shall the amendment as offered by Mr. Hinckel be adopted?" On voice vote the amendment failed.

Mr. Hurley rose to a point of information and asked what it meant when the delegates called "Question". The President stated it meant they were calling to vote on the question.

Mr. Gray requested personal privilege of the floor. There being no objection, privilege was granted.

Mr. Robertson moved the adoption of the following amendment:

Page 2 delete all of Section 3 and insert: "The Senate shall be composed of sixteen senators, four from each of the present four judicial divisions which are hereby
created into Senatorial Districts. Senators shall be elected by the qualified electors of the respective Senatorial district wherein they reside."

Mr. Knight seconded. Mr. Cooper moved to lay the Robertson amendment on the table. Mrs. H. Fischer seconded. Mr. Hellenthal requested a recess. Mr. White rose for a parliamentary request, asking when a motion could be made to take from the table. The President stated, any time before we adjourn sine die. The President declared a short recess.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. Cooper asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to lay on the table. There being no objection it was so ordered. Mr. Armstrong asked that the communication from Mr. Shattuck be read. Mr. McNees objected. Mr. Armstrong moved that the letter be read. Mr. Johnson seconded. On voice vote the motion failed. Mr. Johnson requested personal privilege of the floor. Mrs. Sweeney requested personal privilege of the floor. Mr. Marston spoke on the matter and while Mr. Marston was speaking, Mr. McCutcheon rose to a point of order to state that the rules did not permit debate on the matter of reading a paper. The President upheld the point of order. The question was called and on voice vote the motion was carried. Mr. Sundborg requested personal privilege of the floor. Mrs. Sweeney requested personal privilege of the floor, after which the Shattuck letter was read and ordered filed.

There being no further discussion, the question was called. The question being, "Shall the Robertson amendment be adopted?", the roll was called with the following result:

Yeas: 4 - Barr, Nolan, Robertson, Sweeney


Absent: 1 - VanderLeest

and so the amendment failed of adoption.
Mr. Kilcher asked to explain his vote. Mr. Coghill requested personal privilege of the floor and called to the attention of the delegates the presence in the gallery of Senator John Butrovich, Jr., member of the Territorial Legislature from the Fourth Division. The President recognized the presence in the gallery of the Territorial Commissioner of Health, Dr. Earl Albrect and welcomed both gentlemen to the convention.

Mr. Hinckel proposed the following amendment to Section 2:

Page 1, line 15, beginning after the period, strike the balance of line 15, also lines 16, 17 and 18. Page 2, strike all of line 1.

After Mr. Gray and Mr. Hinckel spoke, Mr. Kilcher asked unanimous consent for a fifteen minute recess. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

AFTER RECESS

Mrs. Sweeney moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the following amendment:

Page 2 of Schedule after the first paragraph delete the schedule and insert the following:

"1 senator from Senate sub-district I
1 senator from Senate sub-district II
1 senator from Senate sub-district III
1 at large from Senatorial District A Total 4

1 senator from Senate sub-district IV
1 senator from Senate sub-district V
1 senator from Senate sub-district VI
1 senator from Senate sub-district VII Total 4

1 senator from Senate sub-district VIII
1 senator from Senate sub-district XI
1 senator from Senate sub-district XII
1 at large from Senatorial District C Total 4

1 senator from Senate sub-district IX
1 senator from Senate sub-district X
2 at large from Senatorial District D Total 4

4 senators from State at large

Grand total 20"
Mr. Gray objected. Mr. Knight objected.

Mr. Gray requested a two-minute recess. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

AFTER RECESS

After discussion by Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. McNealy, Mr. Peratrovich, and Mr. Cooper, the question was called. Mr. Robertson requested a roll call. The question being, “Shall Mrs. Sweeney’s amendment be adopted?”, the roll was called with the following result:

Yeas: 9 - Armstrong, Barr, Hermann, Johnson, Lee, Nolah, Robertson, Sundborg, Sweeney

Nays: 45 - Awes, Boswell, Buckalew, Coghill, Collins, Cooper, Cross, Davis, Doogan, Emberg, H. Fischer, V. Fischer, Gray, Harris, Hellenthal, Hilscher, Hinckel, Hurley, Kilcher, King, Knight, Laws, Londborg, McCutcheon, McLaughlin, McNealy, McKees, Marston, Metcalf, Nerland, Nordale, Peratrovich, Poulsen, Reader, Riley, R. Rivers, V. Rivers, Rosswoog, Smith, Stewart, Taylor, Walsh, White, Wien, Mr. President

Absent: 1 - VanderLoos

and so the amendment failed.

Mr. Boswell moved the adoption of the following amendment to the Schedule referred to in Section 3 of Committee Proposal No. 14:

Strike “no. of District” and insert in lieu thereof: “Name of District” Change Roman numerals to names as follows: I - Southeastern, III - South Central, IV Central, II Northwestern. Renumber election districts on page 1 to follow above in numerical order.”

Mr. Hellenthal seconded. After discussion by Mr. Boswell, Mr. Kilcher, Mr. Hilscher and Mr. Sundborg, the question was called. On voice vote the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barr moved the adoption of the following amendment offered by Mr. Barr, Mrs. Wien and Mr. Johnson, to the Schedule in Section 1 - “that the boundaries of Election District 24 be changed to include the Village of Livengood and immediate vicinity, and the Livengood road and adjacent area.” Mr. Johnson seconded. Mr. Rosswoog requested a short recess. There being no objection, it was so ordered.
Mr. Barr asked unanimous consent to change "Election District 24" to "The Fairbanks District". There being no objection, it was so ordered.

After discussion by Mr. Barr, Mr. Coghill and Mr. Hurley, Mr. Sundborg suggested that the delegates from the Fourth Division get together and discuss Mr. Barr's amendment.

Mr. Barr requested a short recess. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. Sundborg rose to speak on a matter of personal privilege regarding his suggestion made before recess.

Mr. Sundborg asked that he be permitted to abstain from voting on Mr. Barr's amendment.

After discussion on the amendment by Mr. Barr, Mr. Collins, Mr. White, Mr. V. Rivers and Mr. Coghill, Mr. Harris and Mr. Metcalf requested permission to abstain from voting.

After further discussion by Mr. Coghill, Mr. Marston, Mr. Kilcher, Mr. Hellenthal and Mr. Rosswog, Mr. Doogan moved that the Convention recess until 7 p.m. Mr. Laws seconded. On voice vote the motion failed.

After Mr. Taylor and Mr. Barr spoke, the question was called. Mr. Barr requested a roll call.

The question being "Shall the amendment offered by Mr. Barr, Mrs. Wien and Mr. Johnson be adopted?", the roll was called with the following result:


**Nays:** 35 - Awes, Boswell, Buckalew, Coghill, Cooper, Cross, Davis, Emberg, H. Fischer, V. Fischer, Gray, Hellenthal, Hermann, Hilscher, Hinckel, Hurley, King, Knight, Lee, Londborg, McCutcheon, McLaughlin, McNees, Marston, Nordale, Peratrovich, Poulsen, Riley, Rosswog, Smith, Stewart, Taylor, Walsh, White, Mr. President.
Absent: 1 VanderLeest.
Abstain: 3 Harris, Metcalf, Sundborg

and so the amendment failed.

Mr. Johnson asked unanimous consent that the convention adjourn until 7:05 p.m. Mr. Riley announced a meeting of the Rules Committee on recess. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Hellenthal on behalf of Committee VI moved the adoption of the following amendment to Section 5:

Page 4, line 21, following the comma after the word "redistricting" add: "giving explanation for all changes from the Board's plan,"

Mr. Coghill seconded. On voice vote the amendment was ordered adopted.

Mr. Hellenthal on behalf of Committee VI moved the adoption of the following amendment to Section 5, Line 6,

After the words "general public" insert the following: "with at least one from each of the four Senate Districts"

Mr. Coghill seconded. On voice vote the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Taylor offered the following amendment:

Line 2, page 5, change word "Supreme" to "Superior".
Page 5, Section 5, add new paragraph as follows: "The Supreme Court, on appeal, shall review the said cause upon the law and the facts."

Mr. Taylor moved the adoption of the first part of the amendment changing the word "Supreme" to "Superior". Mr. Knight seconded.

After discussion by Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hellenthal, Mr. R. Rivers, Mr. Coghill, Mr. McLaughlin and Miss Awes, Mr. Davis asked Mr. Taylor if he would consider withdrawing his amendment and submitting another in its place. The President declared a short recess.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. Taylor asked unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment. There being no objection, it was so ordered.
Mr. Taylor moved the adoption of the following amendment to Section 5:

Line 2, page 5, change word "Supreme" to Superior".
and add new paragraph to Section 5 as follows: "The Supreme Court, on appeal, shall review the said cause upon the law and the facts."

Mr. R. Rivers seconded. After discussion by Mr. Hurley, Mr. V. Fischer, Mr. Doogan, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Kilcher, Mr. Hellenthal, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Londborg, the question was called. The question being, "Shall the amendment to Section 5 offered by Mr. Taylor be adopted?", the roll was called with the following result:


Nays: 21 - Awes, Cooper, Cross, Davis, V. Fischer, Harris, Hellenthal, Hurley, Johnson, Laws, Lee, Londborg, McCutcheon, Harston, Nolan, Nordale, Peratovich, V. Rivers, Sundborg, Sweeney, Mr. President.


And so the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hurley moved the adoption of the following amendment to Section 5:

Line 6, page 4, strike words "But not public employees or officials".

Mr. Lee seconded. After discussion by Mr. Hurley, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hellenthal and Mr. McNees, the President declared a short recess.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. Hurley asked unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Hurley moved the adoption of the following amendment to Section 5:

Line 6, page 4, strike the words "but not public employees or officials" and substitute therefor "but not state officials"
Mr. McNees seconded.

After Mr. Hellenthal, Mr. Hurley, Mr. McNees and Mr. McCutcheon spoke, the question was called. The roll was called with the following result:

**Yeas:** 13 - Armstrong, Barr, V. Fischer, Harris, Hermann, Hurley, Kilcher, Lee, McNees, Reader, Rosswoog, Smith, Sweeney

**Nays:** 36 - Awes, Boswell, Buckalew, Coghill, Cooper, Cross, Davis, Doogan, Emberg, Gray, Hellenthal, Hilscher, Hinckel, Johnson, King, Knight, Laws, Londborg, McCutcheon, Mclaughlin, McNealy, Marston, Metcalf, Nerland, Nolan, Nordale, Peratrovich, Riley, R. Rivers, V. Rivers, Stewart, Taylor, Walsh, White, Wien, Mr. President.

**Absent:** 6 - H. Fischer, Collins, Poulsen, Robertson, Sundborg, VanderLeest

and so the amendment failed.

After discussion of Committee Proposal No. 14, Mr. Taylor moved to refer the proposal to the Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment. Mr. McCutcheon seconded.

After discussion Mr. Taylor withdrew his motion.

Mr. McNees offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:

> Strike the schedule in Section 2 and substitute the following: Section 2 of schedule:
> "Southeastern 5 senators
> Southcentral 5 senators
> Central 5 senators
> Northwestern 5 senators"

To be elected as follows: One Senator to be elected from each of the Senate Districts as established. The balance to be elected at large within each of the established geographical areas." Mr. Barr seconded.

After discussion by Mr. McNees, Mr. Barr, Mr. Coghill, Mr. Londborg, Mr. White, Mr. McCutcheon and Mr. R. Rivers, Mr. Cross asked for a call of the assembly.

Mr. Londborg asked whether it took a majority vote to call the assembly. The president stated that it does not take a majority vote
of the Assembly. After discussion, Mrs. Sweeney moved that the matter be referred to the Rules Committee for consideration. The President declared a short recess so that the Rules Committee could consider the matter.

AFTER RECESS

The President stated that he would like to clarify the call of the assembly rule. He stated he had in mind the rules of a different assembly and that in this convention the call must be made in the form of a motion and has to carry by a majority vote.

Mr. Cross asked unanimous consent to withdraw his request for a call of the assembly.

After Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Cooper and Mr. McNees spoke on the amendment, the question was called. Mr. Londborg requested a roll call. The roll was called with the following result:


Absent: 5 - Collins, H. Fischer, Poulsen, Robertson, Vanderleest

And so the amendment failed.

Mr. Kilcher moved the adoption of the following amendment to Section 2, page 1, Line 8,

Strike the word "official"; strike all of lines 9 and 10 and 11 to the comma, and substitute "first gubernatorial state election" and line 18 strike word "civilian" and on page 2, line 1 strike "population" and insert in lieu thereof "number of ballots cast for governor".

Mr. Knight seconded. By unanimous consent the following was added to the amendment Page 1, line 12, delete "census" and insert "gubernatorial election".
Mr. Kilcher requested a roll call. The roll was called with the following result:

Yeas: 4 - Barr, Hinckel, Kilcher, Reader


Absent: 5 - Collins, H. Fischer, Poulsen, Robertson, VanderLeest

And so the amendment failed.

There being no further amendments, Committee Proposal No. 14 was referred to the Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment.

Mr. Riley requested a five minute recess for the purposes of a meeting of the Rules Committee. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. Johnson moved that the Convention adjourn until 9 a.m. Friday. Mr. Taylor seconded. Mr. Doogan objected. On voice vote the Convention adjourned at 9:35 p.m. until 9 a.m. Friday morning.

Attested:

THOMAS B. STEWART
Secretary

WILLIAM A. EGAN
President