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A review of the Journal discloses a few additional rules, such as the one appearing on page 2 of the Journal of February 1, 1956. Special rulings were made from time to time deciding problems as they arose in the course of the deliberations of the Convention.

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November 9, 1955

President pro-tem
Alaska Constitutional Convention

Your temporary Committee on Rules, acting pursuant to Convention resolution, submits for consideration of the Convention the following temporary rules, including special rules for the election of permanent officers of the convention.

Chapter I - Convention Officers

Rule 1.

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The first person who receives at least 28 votes on any one ballot shall be elected President of the Convention.

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Chapter III - General

Rule 8.

Except as hereinabove provided, the conduct of the Convention shall, pending its adoption of permanent rules, be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your temporary committee on Rules, in addition to the proposals above submitted, recommends to the Convention that the draft of proposed Rules suggested by the Alaska Statehood Committee and the Public Administration Service be mimeographed in order to provide each delegate with a copy for consideration pending report of the Permanent Rules Committee.

We recommend further that the Convention by resolution direct the appointment of a 9 member Rules Committee to prepare and submit proposed permanent rules.

signed - Burke Riley, Chairman

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DRAFT RULES FOR THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

Adopted November ____, 1955

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*Referred to in Journal of Nov 9, 1956.
Prepared by Alaska Statehood Committee + PAS*

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into the Constitution and in other series shall number each resolution, ordinance, or other action introduced for Convention consideration; when necessary or required the Secretary with the President shall certify all official acts of the Convention; and he shall perform such other duties as are required of him by the President, these rules, or the Convention.

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Chapter IV

Quorum and Majority

Rule 10. The presence of at least twenty-eight Delegates shall be necessary to constitute a quorum of the Convention, but a lesser number may meet and adjourn the Convention from day to day when necessary.

Rule 11. A quorum being present, a majority of Delegates shall be sufficient for the adoption of any motion or resolution or the taking of any action except where the affirmative vote of a greater number shall be required by these rules.

Chapter V
Standing Committees

Rule 12. The President shall appoint the members of and shall name the Chairmen of all Standing Committees unless the Convention shall otherwise order. The President may fill vacancies on Standing Committees in the same manner.

Rule 13. The Standing Committees of the Convention and the number of members thereof, respectively, shall be as follows:

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2. Committee on Administration, nine members
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Rule 14. Each Delegate ^{A/4 Committee Resolutions of Recommendation} except the President shall be appointed to at least one but to no more than three Standing Committees.

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Rule 16. The respective Standing Committees shall have the following duties and functions and in addition shall consider and report upon any other matters referred to them:

1. The Committee on Rules shall consider and report upon such changes in the rules of the ~~Convention~~ and changes in ~~its~~ organization as shall be referred to it; it shall consider and report on appeals from rulings of the chair which may be referred to it; and it shall determine appeals regarding the daily calendar of the Convention in accordance with these rules.
2. The Committee on Administration shall generally oversee the administrative or business affairs of the Convention, including finances, personnel, printing, physical arrangements for the Convention, and related matters.
3. The Committee on Style and Drafting shall examine and edit all proposals for inclusion in the Constitution which are referred to it for the purposes of avoiding inaccuracies, repetitions, inconsistencies, or poor drafting; the Committee shall have the authority to rephrase or to regroup proposed language or sections of the proposed Constitution but shall have no authority to change the sense or purpose of any proposal referred to it.

The Committee shall also be empowered without reference back to the Convention to refer proposals submitted to it to other Committees which may have an interest in the proposal. Where a proposal referred to the Committee appears inconsistent or in conflict with a proposal already acted upon favorably by the Convention at second reading, the Committee shall undertake to resolve the inconsistency or conflict by reference to the Committees concerned; failing to do so it shall notify the Convention and await its instructions. X

4. The Committee on Resolutions, Ordinances, and Transitional Measures shall be responsible for the consideration of resolutions not properly the consideration of other Standing Committees; for the consideration of ordinances specified by the Act creating the Constitutional Convention; for the consideration of transitional measures which the Convention enacts in anticipation of statehood; and for the consideration of all other proposals which are not appropriate considerations of the other Standing Committees.
5. The remaining Standing Committees shall consider proposals for inclusion in the Constitution as are indicated by the titles of such Committees.

Rules - Miscellaneous

Rule 17. Each Standing Committee shall submit to the Convention a report or reports, in writing, setting forth its recommendations on all matters referred to it. Any member or group of members of a Standing Committee may submit a minority report to the Convention. A petition signed by one-fourth of the elected Delegates shall require any Standing Committee to report to the Convention within a specified number of days.

Rule 18. No Standing Committee may hold meetings during the sessions of the Convention without permission of the Convention.

Rule 19. The deliberations of the Standing Committees shall be open to the public. ^{unless the committee is} Each standing Committee shall notify the Secretary ^{at such times as may be} of the time and place of meetings, and the Secretary shall make such notice public. ^{communicated by the committee}

Chapter IV

Committee of the Whole

Rule 20. The Convention may upon motion resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of any matter. In forming the Committee of the Whole, the President shall appoint another Delegate as chairman to preside. A quorum of the Convention shall also constitute a quorum for the Committee of the Whole.

Rule 21. All proposals, amendments, reports, resolutions, and other matters may be debated in the Committee of the Whole section by section, and all actions shall be noted and reported.

10. Unfinished business
11. Special orders of the day
12. General orders of the day

Rule 25. The Secretary shall prepare for each Convention day a calendar of the general orders, setting forth the title of each matter for consideration. Consideration of the general orders of the day shall be in the following order:

1. Consideration by Committee of the Whole
2. Reports of the Committee of the Whole
3. Committee reports
4. Second reading and referral to the Committee on Style and Drafting
5. Action on reports of the Committee on Style and Drafting
6. Third reading and agreement.

Rule 26. If a matter is not considered in its order it shall lose its precedence for the day, but it shall appear on the calendar on the following Convention day in its regular order. Any matter may be made a special order of business for any particular day or time by a majority vote of the delegates present. Any matter having been made a special order for a particular day, and not having been reached on that day, shall be on the order of "Unfinished Business" on the next succeeding Convention day.

Rule 27. The names of Delegates shall be arranged alphabetically and consecutively numbered from 1 through 55. At the first roll

Rule 22. The rules of the Convention shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole so far as they are applicable. Where there are no provisions, the proceedings shall be in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised.

Rule 23. A motion for the rising of the Committee of the Whole shall always be in order unless a member of the Committee is speaking or a vote is being taken, and shall be decided without debate.

Chapter VII

Order of Business, and Roll Call

Rule 24. At meetings of the Convention the order of business shall be as follows (except at times set apart for the consideration of special orders):

1. Calling Convention to order
2. Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Presentation of petitions, memorials, and communications
from outside the Convention
5. Reports of Standing Committees
6. Reports of Select Committees
7. Introduction and first reading of proposals
8. Reference of proposals
9. Motions and resolutions

call of the Convention the names shall be called starting with No. 1 and each succeeding roll call shall begin with Nos. 12, 23, 34, 45, and 1, respectively, so as to rotate the successive roll calls by blocks of 11 names.

Rule 28. In case of the absence of Delegates, the Delegates present shall take such measures as they shall deem necessary to secure the presence of absentees.

Rule 29. After a question has been stated by the President and the calling of the roll has begun, the President shall not recognize a Delegate for any purpose whatever until the call is completed; but nothing in this rule shall abridge the right of any Delegate to change or record his vote on any question previous to the announcement of the vote; moreover any member during a roll call may in not more than two minutes explain his vote or his reason for refraining. *cut*

Chapter VIII

Motions

Rule 30. When a motion is made it shall be stated by the President or, if in writing, it shall be read aloud before debate.

A motion may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

Rule 31. When a question is under consideration by the Convention only the following motions shall be received, which motions

shall have precedence in the order stated:

Motions to, or for:

1. Adjourn)
2. Recess) Not amendable or
3. Call of the Convention) debatable except
4. Lay on the table) as hereinafter
5. Previous question) provided.
6. Postpone indefinitely. Not amendable, but debatable
7. Postpone to a certain time. Amendable and debatable
8. Go into Committee of the Whole. " " "
9. Commit (or recommit) to Committee
of the Whole " " "
10. Commit (or recommit) to a
Standing Committee, or
to a Select Committee " " "
11. Close debate at a specified
time. Amendable but not debatable.
12. Amend. Amendable and debatable.

Numbers 7 to 11, inclusive, preclude debate on the main question. A motion to adjourn, to take a recess, and to adjourn for a longer period than one Convention day shall always be in order, and the last motion shall be amendable and debatable. Calls for information for division of a divisible question, for the yeas and noes, for standing vote, and a motion for reconsideration shall always be in order, but shall not be amendable or debatable.

Rule 32. An appeal from the decision of the chair may be taken at any time.

Rule 33. The previous question shall be put by the President in this form, "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted when demanded by a majority of the Delegates present, and its effect shall be, if decided affirmatively, to end debate and bring the Convention to a vote upon pending amendments, if any, to the main question, and then upon the main question. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

Rule 34. A motion to reconsider any vote must be made before the end of the first Convention day after the day on which the vote proposed to be reconsidered was taken, and by a Delegate who voted in the majority and the same majority shall be required to adopt a motion to reconsider as was required to take the action to be reconsidered. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered; nor shall any vote be reconsidered upon either of the following motions:

To adjourn

To lay on the table

To take from the table; or

For the previous question.

Rule 35. Any Delegate may call for the division of a question which is in its nature divisible. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible; but a motion to strike out being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.

Rule 36. No Delegate shall speak more than twice on one question, or longer than fifteen minutes the first, or longer than five minutes the second time, or more than once until other Delegates who have not spoken shall speak if they so desire, without first obtaining leave of the Convention; and the mover of the proposition shall have the right to close the debate, provided that the person in charge of a proposal on third reading and final agreement shall have the right, if he desires, to close the debate and he may announce such desire at any time before the taking of the vote on the question.

Chapter IX

Procedure for Drafting Constitution

Rule 37. Any subject matter to be incorporated in the Constitution shall be by proposal. A proposal shall be introduced by one or more delegates or by a Standing Committee.

Rule 38. Each proposal shall be typewritten on white paper which is 8½" wide and 11" long with one original copy and five carbon copies thereof, and shall be dated and signed by the

introducer(s) or by the Chairman of the Committee introducing it.

Rule 39. The caption of each proposal shall be:

"Constitutional Convention of Alaska

PROPOSAL

Introduced by _____

(Name of Delegate(s) or
Chairman of Committee)"

Each proposal shall contain a short title stating concisely the general nature of its subject matter. Thereafter the proposal shall state:

"RESOLVED, that the following be agreed

upon as part of the Alaska State Constitution."

Rule 40. Each proposal shall be delivered to the Secretary for introduction, who shall number all proposals as presented. At each session of the Convention the Secretary shall read the number and title of each new proposal delivered to him, which shall be taken as the first reading of the proposal.

Rule 41. Each proposal shall receive three separate readings in the Convention previous to being agreed upon, but no proposal shall be read twice on the same day. All proposals may be read by their titles but on third reading all proposals shall be read throughout. No amendment shall be received to any proposal on its third reading unless by unanimous consent of the Delegates present.

Rule 42. The regular order to be taken by proposals shall be as follows:

1. Introduction, first reading, and reproduction in sufficient quantity that one copy is available for each Delegate.
2. Reference to a Standing Committee by the President.
3. Report by Standing Committee.
4. Placed on the general orders within 3 days after report by Standing Committee.
5. Second reading, consideration by the Convention, and action on amendments offered by Delegates.
6. Report by Committee on Style and Drafting, and reproduction of proposal in sufficient quantity that one copy is available for each Delegate.
8. Action on report of Committee on Style and Drafting; consideration and action on amendments as to phraseology only; and reproduction of revised proposal if necessary.
9. Third reading and agreement.
10. Reference to the Committee on Style and Drafting for arrangement and numbering of sections and articles and for form.

Rule 43. The President shall refer each proposal introduced to the appropriate Standing Committee. Where a proposal

embraces subject matter which falls within the proper consideration of two or more Standing Committees, the President may divide the proposal or he may refer it to one Standing Committee with instructions to consult with other Standing Committees.

Rule 44. Each successive reproduction of a proposal differing from the previous reproduction of the same proposal, which is presented to the Convention for consideration, shall bear a consecutive redraft number on the top of the first or title page thereof, as follows:

"Redraft No. 1",

"Redraft No. 2", etc.

Rule 45. The Convention may set a date after which no proposal shall be introduced, except by a Committee.

Rule 46. Each Standing Committee may originate and report without specific reference, any Committee proposal, the subject matter of which properly falls within the consideration of such Committee under these rules.

Rule 47. Each Standing Committee report recommending any matter for incorporation in the Constitution shall be accompanied by a Committee proposal containing a complete article or other appropriate subdivision or group of articles or subdivisions of the Constitution. A report shall be made as to each proposal referred to a Standing Committee and shall state whether it (1) has been

adopted in whole or in part in a Committee proposal, or (2) has been disapproved, or (3) has been disposed of in such manner as may be indicated.

Rule 48. On the question of the agreement upon any proposal on third reading, the vote shall be taken by Yeses and Noes and entered on the journal of the Convention, and no proposal shall be declared adopted unless at least twenty-eight Delegates shall have voted in favor of its adoption.

Rule 49. After the Constitution has been framed and before final agreement thereon, the Convention shall refer the proposed Constitution to the Committee on Drafting and Style for final arrangement in proper order and form, and after the report of this Committee, the Convention shall by the affirmative vote of at least twenty-eight Delegates agree upon the final form of the Constitution and its ordinances.

Rule 50. When the Convention shall have agreed upon the final form of the Constitution and the manner of submission to the people according to law, the original thereof shall be prepared and signed by the President and by the Delegates desiring to do so. Facsimile copies shall then be prepared and certified by the President and delivered to each Delegate.

Chapter X

Resolutions and Ordinances

Rule 51. Ordinances stipulated by the law establishing the Constitutional Convention or otherwise as introduced by

Delegates or Standing Committees shall follow the same procedure as is provided by these rules for proposals.

Rule 52. Resolutions relating to the business of the Convention may be introduced as provided by these rules and shall follow the same procedure as is provided by these rules for motions.

Chapter XI

General Provisions

Rule 53. When a motion to adjourn, or for recess, shall be carried, no delegate or officer shall leave his place until the adjournment or recess shall be declared by the President.

Rule 54. Any delegate may at any time rise and speak to a question of personal privilege.

Rule 55. No delegate rising to speak shall proceed until he shall have addressed the President and been recognized by him as entitled to the floor.

Rule 56. While the President is putting a question or a count is being had, no delegate shall speak or leave his place, and while a member is speaking no delegate shall engage in any private discourse or pass between him and the chair.

Rule 57. Only Delegates and Officers of the Convention shall be admitted to the floor of the Convention, except that the President shall designate, by name, representatives of the press.

staff assistants, or others that may be admitted to the floor. Privileges of the floor may be extended at times to other persons, specifically designated, by unanimous consent.

Rule 58. Any rule of the Convention may be suspended, or may be repealed or amended, by a vote of at least twenty-eight Delegates.

Rule 59. The rules of parliamentary practice set forth in Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised shall apply in all cases which are not covered by or are not inconsistent with the rules of the Convention.

Rule 60. Upon adoption of these rules by the Convention, the Secretary shall have them reproduced in sufficient quantity that each Delegate may have a copy.

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Constitutional Convention
Convention/2
November 14, 1955

Report of the Rules Committee

PERMANENT ~~DRIFT~~ RULES FOR THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

← ADOPTED - November 14, 1955

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Miscellaneous

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| (c) Call of the Convention) | | debatable except |
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CONVENTION DAY

Chapter IX

Procedure for Drafting Constitution

Rule 39. Any subject matter to be incorporated in the Constitution shall be by proposal. A proposal shall be introduced only by one or more delegates or by a Standing Committee.

Rule 40. Each proposal shall be typewritten on white paper which is 8½" wide and 11" long with one original copy and five carbon copies thereof, and shall be dated and signed by the introducer(s) or by the Chairman of the Committee introducing it.

Rule 41. The caption of each proposal shall be:

"Constitutional Convention of Alaska (DATE) _____"

PROPOSAL _____

Introduced by _____

(Name of Delegate(s) or
Name of Committee)"

Each proposal shall contain a short title stating concisely the general nature of its subject matter. Thereafter the proposal shall state:

"RESOLVED, that the following be agreed

upon as part of the Alaska State Constitution."

Rule 42. Each proposal upon introduction shall be delivered to the Secretary, who shall number all proposals as presented. At each session of the Convention the Secretary shall read the number and title of each new proposal, which shall constitute the first reading of the proposal.

Rule 43. Each proposal shall receive three separate readings in the Convention previous to being agreed upon, but no proposal shall

be read twice on the same day. Except on first reading all proposals shall be read in their entirety. Amendment of any proposal may be made only in second reading.

Rule 44. The regular order to be taken by proposals shall be as follows:

1. Introduction and first reading.
2. Reference to a Standing Committee by the President.
3. Report by Standing Committee.
4. Placed on the general orders on the following day.
5. Second reading and action on proposed amendments.
6. Reference to Committee on Style and Drafting.
7. Report by Committee on Style and Drafting.
8. Action on report of Committee on Style and Drafting, and action on amendments as to phraseology only.
9. Third reading and agreement.
10. Reference to the Committee on Style and Drafting for arrangement and numbering of sections and articles and for form.

Rule 45. The President shall refer ^{to the appropriate standing committee} each proposal introduced, ~~to~~ ~~the appropriate Standing Committee.~~ Where a proposal embraces subject matter which falls within the proper consideration of two or more Standing Committees, the President may divide the proposal or he may refer it to one Standing Committee with instructions to consult with other Standing Committees.

Rule 46. The Convention may set a date after which no proposal shall be introduced, except by a Committee.

Rule 47. Each Standing Committee report recommending any matter for incorporation in the Constitution shall be accompanied by a Committee proposal containing a complete article or other appropriate subdivision or group of articles or subdivisions of the Constitution.

Rule 48. A report shall be made by the Standing Committee as to each proposal referred to it. Such report shall state whether the proposal has been:

- (a) adopted in whole or in part in a Committee proposal;
- (b) disapproved;
- (c) disposed of otherwise.

Rule 49. On the question of the agreement upon any proposal on third reading, the vote shall be taken by roll call and entered on the journal of the Convention. No proposal shall be declared adopted unless at least twenty-eight Delegates shall have voted in favor of its adoption.

Rule 50. After the Constitution has been framed and before final agreement thereon, the Convention shall refer the proposed Constitution to the Committee on Style and Drafting for final arrangement in proper order and form. After the report of said Committee, the Convention shall by the affirmative vote of at least twenty-eight Delegates agree upon the final form of the Constitution.

Rule 51. When the Convention shall have agreed upon the final form of the Constitution, the original and at least four copies thereof shall be signed by the President and by the Delegates and attested by the Secretary. Facsimile copies shall then be prepared and certified by the President and delivered to each Delegate.

Chapter X

Resolutions and Ordinances

Rule 52. Consideration of ordinances required by the Act establishing the Constitutional Convention or otherwise as introduced by Delegates or Standing Committees shall follow the same procedure as is provided by these rules for proposals.

Rule 53. Resolutions relating to the business of the Convention may be introduced as provided by these rules and their consideration shall follow the same procedure as is provided by these rules for motions.

Chapter XI

General Provisions

Rule 54. When a motion to adjourn, or for recess, shall be carried, no delegate or officer shall leave his place until the adjournment or recess shall be declared by the President.

Rule 55. Any delegate may at any time rise and speak to a question of personal privilege.

Rule 56. No delegate rising to speak shall proceed until he shall have addressed the President and been recognized by him as entitled to the floor.

Rule 57. While the President is putting a question or a count is being had, no delegate shall speak or leave his place. While a member is speaking no delegate shall engage in any private discourse or pass between the speaker and the chair.

Rule 58. Only Delegates and Officers of the Convention shall be admitted to the floor of the Convention, except that the President

shall designate, by name, representatives of the press, staff assistants, or others that may be admitted. Privileges of the floor may be extended by unanimous consent to other persons.

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Rule 60. The rules of parliamentary practice set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall apply in all cases which are not covered by or are not inconsistent with the rules of the Convention.

Constitutional Convention
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PERMANENT RULES

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

ADOPTED - NOVEMBER 14, 1955

Chapter I

Officers and Administrative Staff

Rule 1. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, and a Secretary; the President and Vice Presidents to be elected from the Delegates by the vote of at least 28 delegates.

Rule 2. The Secretary of the Convention need not be a Delegate, and shall serve under the direction of the President as the principal administrative officer of the Convention.

Rule 3. The Secretary with the approval of the President and the Committee on Administration shall determine the administrative, clerical and custodial staff required by the Convention, and shall appoint and determine the compensation of such employees.

Rule 4.

a. The President pro-tem shall first entertain nominations for President of the Convention, shall recognize in order all who seek the floor, shall receive and state all nominations made, and shall allow ample time for all who seek recognition to be recognized and heard before entertaining a motion to close nominations.

b. A nominee may decline nomination only while nominations are open, but may withdraw from consideration for election at any time after the first ballot is taken.

First issue.

c. Voting shall be by secret ballot and balloting shall continue by successive ballots until one candidate shall have received at least 28 votes: PROVIDED, however, that in the event no candidate receives as many as 28 votes in either the first or second balloting process, the low man (or, if there be a tie in low position as to votes received, those so tied) shall be removed from consideration on the third ballot and succeeding ballots; and, following the third and succeeding ballots wherein no nominee receives at least 28 votes, the low man or those so tied shall each time be eliminated from further consideration.

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Chapter II

Duties of President and Vice Presidents

Rule 5. The president shall take the chair each day at the hour to which the Convention shall have adjourned. He shall call the Convention to order, and, except in the absence of a quorum, shall proceed to business in the manner prescribed by these rules.

Rule 6. The President shall possess the powers and perform the duties herein prescribed:

(a) He shall preserve order and decorum, and, in debate, shall prevent personal reflections, and confine members to the question under discussion. When two or more members arise at the same time, he shall name the one entitled to the floor.

(b) He shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the Convention. On every appeal he shall have the right, in his place, to assign his reason for his decision. In case of such appeal no member shall speak more than once.

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(d) When the Convention shall be ready to go into Committee of the Whole, he shall name a chairman to preside.

(e) When necessary or required, he shall certify all official acts and all vouchers for payment of expenditures of the Convention.

(f) He shall designate and assign to seats or authorize the designation and seating of the persons who shall act as reporters for the public press and radio within the Convention Hall.

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(i) He shall declare the vote and announce the result according to the fact on all questions and divisions.

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(b) He shall arrange to keep a journal of the proceedings of the Convention.

(c) He shall prepare each day a calendar of the business of the Convention as provided by these rules.

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(e) When necessary or required the Secretary with the President shall certify all official acts of the Convention.

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- II. Committee on Administration, nine members
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nine members
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November 14 1955

PERMANENT RULES

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

ADOPTED - NOVEMBER 14, 1955

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*Second issue of Permanent Rules
incorporating amended Rule 50. (I/Rules/1)*

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Chapter II

Duties of President and Vice Presidents

Rule 5. The president shall take the chair each day at the hour to which the Convention shall have adjourned. He shall call the Convention to order, and, except in the absence of a quorum, shall proceed to business in the manner prescribed by these rules.

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Duties of the Secretary

Rule 9. Under the direction of the President the Secretary shall have the following powers and perform the following duties:

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(b) He shall arrange to keep a journal of the proceedings of the Convention.

(c) He shall prepare each day a calendar of the business of the Convention as provided by these rules.

(d) He shall number consecutively each proposal of subject matter to be incorporated into the Constitution and, in other series, shall number each resolution, ordinance, or other action

introduced for Convention consideration.

(e) When necessary or required the Secretary with the President shall certify all official acts of the Convention.

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(g) He shall arrange for the utilization of the services of such technical consultants as may be desired by the Convention and provide liaison between such consultants and the Convention.

(h) He shall perform such other duties as are required of him by the President, these rules, or the Convention.

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Chapter V

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Rule 12. The President shall appoint the members of and shall name the Chairmen of all Standing Committees unless the Convention

shall otherwise order. The President may fill vacancies on Standing Committees in the same manner.

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- I. Committee on Rules, nine members
- II. Committee on Administration, nine members
- III. Committee on Style and Drafting, nine members
- IV. Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures,
nine members
- V. Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights, seven members
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seven members
- VII. Committee on Legislative Branch, seven members
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- X. Committee on Resources, nine members
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- XII. Committee on Local Government, seven members
- XIII. Committee on Direct Legislation, Amendment, and Revision,
seven members
- XIV. Committee on Resolutions and Recommendations, seven
members

Rule 14. Each Delegate except the President shall be appointed to at least one but to no more than three Standing Committees.

Rule 15. The President shall be ex-officio member of all Standing Committees but shall not vote except to break a tie.

Rule 16. The respective Standing Committees shall have the following duties and functions and in addition shall consider and

report upon any other matters referred to them:

- (a) The Committee on Rules shall consider and report upon such changes in the rules of the Convention and changes in organization as shall be referred to it. It shall consider and report on appeals from rulings of the chair which may be referred to it. It shall determine appeals regarding the daily calendar of the Convention in accordance with these rules.
- (b) The Committee on Administration shall generally oversee the administrative or business affairs of the Convention, including finances, personnel, printing, physical arrangements for the Convention, and related matters.
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or in conflict with a proposal already acted upon favorably by the Convention at second reading, the Committee shall undertake to resolve the inconsistency or conflict by reference to the Committees concerned. If the Committee shall fail to resolve any such inconsistency or conflict it shall notify the Convention and await its instructions.

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- (e) The Committee on Resolutions and Recommendations shall consider resolutions and all other matters not germane to the work of other committees and shall make recommendations for action thereon.
- (f) The remaining Standing Committees shall consider such proposals as are indicated by the titles of the respective committees. Such Committees shall draft and submit to the Convention for its consideration sections of the proposed Constitution pertaining to the business of the Committee.

Rule 17. Each Standing Committee shall submit to the Convention a report or reports, in writing, setting forth its recommendations on all matters referred to it. Any member or group of members

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Rule 18. No Standing Committee may hold meetings during the sessions of the Convention without permission of the Convention.

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Committee of the Whole

Rule 20. The Convention may upon motion resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of any matter. In forming the Committee of the Whole, the President shall appoint another Delegate as chairman to preside. A quorum of the Convention shall constitute a quorum for the Committee of the Whole.

Rule 21. All proposals, amendments, reports, resolutions, and other matters may be debated in the Committee of the Whole section by section, and recommendations with respect thereto shall be reported to the Convention.

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Chapter VII

Order of Business, and Roll Call

Rule 24. At meetings of the Convention the order of business shall be as follows (except at times set apart for the consideration of special orders):

1. Calling Convention to order
2. Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Reading the Journal of the Preceding Day
5. Presentation of petitions, memorials and communications
from outside the Convention
6. Reports of Standing Committees
7. Reports of Select Committees
8. Introduction and first reading of proposals
9. Reference of proposals
10. Motions and resolutions
11. Unfinished business
12. Special orders of the day
13. General orders of the day

Rule 25. The Secretary shall prepare for each Convention day a calendar of the general orders, setting forth the title of each matter for consideration. Consideration of the general orders of the day shall be in the following order:

1. Consideration by Committee of the Whole
2. Reports of the Committee of the Whole
3. Committee reports
4. Second reading and referral to the Committee on Style
and Drafting

5. Action on reports of the Committee on Style and Drafting
6. Third reading and agreement.

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RULES MISCELLANEOUS

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Rule 33. When a question is under consideration by the Convention only the following motions shall be received, which motions shall have precedence in the order stated:

Motion to, or for:

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| (a) Adjourn |) | |
| (b) Recess |) | Not amendable or |
| (c) Call of the Convention) | | debatable except |
| (d) Lay on the table |) | as hereinafter |
| (e) Previous question |) | provided. |
| (f) Postpone indefinitely. | | Not amendable, but debatable |
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| (h) Go into Committee of the Whole. | " " " | |
| (i) Commit (or recommit) to Committee | | |
| of the Whole | " " " | |

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 Standing Committee or
 to a Select Committee Amendable and debatable
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Constitutional Convention

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November 21, 1955

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Constitutional Convention
~~Committee~~ / Rules / 7
November 29, 1955

REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE

Rules Committee Substitute for Resolution No. 6

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Constitutional Convention
Convention/13
December 7, 1955

~~Adopted December 8, 1955~~

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Constitutional Convention
Convention/13/a
December 15, 1955

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Constitutional Convention
Convention/18
January 12, 1956

RULES COMMITTEE

REPORT ON REQUEST FOR SPEED-UP PROCEDURE

The Committee suggests that the following be adopted as modifications of the existing rules:

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(b) If at the end of the first round in the amending process it appears that further amending is desired, another recess shall be called, so that the same procedure may be followed on the second round.

II

After the amendatory process has begun the mover of an amendment may select not more than three other Delegates to speak in favor thereof and may himself speak to the motion. Such speakers for the affirmative shall complete their arguments before the negative is heard. Each of those opposed to the amendment may speak but once. The mover may close

the debate. No one may speak to the amendment after the mover closes.

III

On any motion no one may speak more than once except the mover who may close.

IV

A member may speak only once to an original amendment except the mover who may close. The same restriction shall apply as to amendments to amendments.

V

When a question has been put by the Chair, a roll call shall be in order only upon the request of 10 members evidenced by a show of hands, provided that the Chair may order a roll call vote at any time.

VI

To accomplish the purpose of not holding timely matters over for an additional day, notices of reconsideration and of motions to rescind must be given within one hour of the vote sought to be reconsidered or rescinded and the appropriate motion made within three hours of such vote. Neither reconsideration or a rescission can prevail without at least 28 affirmative votes.

In applying this rule the following two exceptions shall apply:

(a) If a recess prevents adherence to any such time limit, the notice or motion involved may be announced or made at the next earliest

opportunity.

(b) If a vote is taken too late in the day to afford the full time above allowed, notice and reconsideration or action to rescind shall be accomplished before adjournment that day.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

(a) In line with setting the calendar, authorize the Rules Committee to fix the time to be allotted to each proposal, and that the time so allotted be announced before consideration of the proposal begins.

(b) Adhere strictly to the period of time stated for each recess.

Constitutional Convention
Convention/18/a
January 13, 1956

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Improvement of Convention Procedure for Consideration of Proposals

The Committee suggests the following modifications to existing rules:

I

ad. 1/13
(a) After a standing committee chairman has explained an article [and questions have been answered], a recess shall be called, if necessary, during which time Delegates with amendments may consult with the standing committee if they have not previously done so in order to reconcile ideas, (if possible), consolidate similar amendments, and prepare amendments in suitable form. Proposed amendments shall not be in order during the initial section by section review of proposals unless previously presented for the committee's consideration or unless this requirement is waived by the committee chairman. Long or complicated amendments shall not be in order until mimeographed.

(b) After the first section by section review of the proposal, another recess will be called to enable Delegates having further amendments to consult with the committees. In the second section by section review of the proposal, amendments may be submitted directly from the floor without previous consultation with the committee. *- addition*

II

ad. 1/13
A delegate may speak only once to any motion or amendment except the mover who may open and close debate thereon. The same

restriction shall apply to amendments to amendments.

III

not adopted
When a question has been put by the Chair, a roll call shall be in order upon the request of 10 delegates evidenced by a show of hands, provided that the Chair may order a roll call vote at any time.

IV

not adopted
Notices of reconsideration and of motions to rescind must be given within one hour of the vote sought to be reconsidered or rescinded and the appropriate motion made within three hours of such vote. Neither reconsideration nor rescission shall carry without at least 28 affirmative votes.

The following two exceptions apply to this rule:

- (a) If a recess prevents adherence to such time limits, the notice or motion involved may be announced or made at the next earliest opportunity.
- (b) If a vote is taken too late in the day to afford the full time above allowed, notice and reconsideration or action to rescind shall be accomplished before adjournment that day.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- (a) It is suggested that the Rules Committee prepare a tentative schedule for completing work on each proposal, and that the Committee announce the time to be allotted a proposal before the

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Convention considers it.

(b) Adhere strictly to the period of time stated for each recess.

Constitutional Convention
Convention/18b
January 17, 1956

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

Adopted January 13, 1956

Improvement of Convention Procedure for Consideration of Proposals

ADDITIONAL RULES

I

(a) After a standing committee chairman has explained an article, a recess shall be called, if necessary, during which time Delegates with amendments may consult with the standing committee if they have not previously done so in order to reconcile ideas, (if possible), consolidate similar amendments, and prepare amendments in suitable form. Proposed amendments shall not be in order during the initial section by section review of proposals unless previously presented for the committee's consideration or unless this requirement is waived by the committee chairman. Long or complicated amendments shall not be in order until mimeographed.

(b) After the first section by section review of the proposal, another recess will be called to enable Delegates having further amendments to consult with the committees. In the second section by section review of the proposal, amendments may be submitted directly from the floor without previous consultation with the committee. Effective at end of consideration of Proposal 10a in second reading.

II

A delegate may speak only once to any motion or amendment except the mover who may open and close debate thereon. The same restriction shall apply to amendments to amendments. Effective Immediately.

Constitutional Convention
Rules/3
January 20, 1956

PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO RULES

Adapted January 20, 1956

Rule 16c. Insert after second sentence:

Proposals containing more than one Article or which in the Committee's judgment contain subject matter properly divided into more than one Article, shall, by the Committee, be separated into appropriate Articles and may be reported back to the Convention Article by Article.

Rule 44. - *Withdrawn January 20, 1956*

8a. The reading of a Proposal incident to Style and Drafting's report, if said report be accepted by the Convention, shall be deemed to be the Proposal's third reading before the Convention, whereupon the Proposal shall be before the Convention for final passage.