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Constitutional Convention
IV/Ordinances/1
November 25, 1955

ORDINANCES AND TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Mc Neally, chairman; members Hurley, Kilcher, Buckalew, Laws, VanderLeest
B. D. Stewart, Knight, Hilscher.

Meeting Nov. 15, 2:15 PM

James Hurley elected Vice chairman by unanimous vote
Hilscher appointed secretary.

Chairman McNeally discussed historical methods of states entering the Union.
Outlined plan used by Tenn., Mich., Ore. and Cal.

Chairman McNeally requested research on Ordinances and Transitional Matters.
Adjourned 3:30 PM

Nov. 16. 3:30 PM All present except Buckalew.

Moved, 2nded, Unanimously approved Chairman will make reports to the convention
and such press releases as may come from this committee.

Chairman will report to the Convention when and
if necessary.

The Committee listened to a tape recording by Geo Leileitner on statehood
problems and the methods pursued to gain admission to the Union.

4 PM Committee adjourned to reconvene at the call of the chairman.
Nov. 21 --
Committee called by the chairman. 2:30 PM

Chairman gave members outline of work on Ordinances and transitional matters
and assigned work schedule to members.

Motion made, 2nd and Unanimously approved to invite Dr. Moberg to sit with the
committee as a consultant.

Delegate E. L. Bartlett was invited to sit with the committee on the following
day.

Meeting adjourned 4 PM

Nov. 22, 2 PM; All present.

Edlbgd Bartlett informed the committee on congressional reaction in past
sessions to Alaska statehood bills and also reaction to propaganda of Hawaii and
Alaska delegations.

Delegate Bartlett told the committee on the background to the "Leleitner plan"
but did not feel that he could venture an opinion as to whether this idea would or
could be successful in furthering Alaska's admission to the union.

The delegate volunteered to write this committee after consultation with the
Legislative Research division of the Congressional Library as the subjects that
shall be in the constitution and which should be in the Ordinances.

The committee requested that Mr. Sadey be asked to appear before the comm to dis-
cuss Ordinances and transitions.

It was suggested that inquiry be made of Hawaii and of Congressional leaders. on the question of election of Senators pro tem from the "state of Alaska.

Adjourned 4:30 PM

Nov. 23 2 PM All present.

Ordinances and transition schedules in constitutions of Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon and Hawaii were read and discussed by the members of the committee.

Mr. Sadey sat with the committee and discussed provisions of schedules.

Adjourned 4 PM

Nov. 25 2 PM All present except Hurley

Dr. Moberg sat with committee and was requested to assist in drafting proposed ordinances. He advised or suggested that O & T matters be in the constitution rather than sepapate.

Committee discussed a length importance of a "package deal" rather than have numerous items of the ballot for the approval or rejection of the voters.

Co mm adjourned at 4 PM until Monday Nov. 28 at 2 PM

All present except VanderLaest

Dr. Moberg presented articles for discussion of committee. Transitions and ordinances discussed at length. Members requested to study suggestions further.

Adjourned 4 PM

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William A. Egan,
President, Constitutional Convention

Request is hereby made by Committee IV, that the Secretary employ the research services of LAZAR DWORKIN of Fairbanks, Alaska, to furnish this committee COURT DECISIONS and opinions on the following enumerated subjects:

1. Legal definition of the word Ordinance in relation to a state Constitution;
2. Court attacks regarding form or mode of ratification of constitutions, especially Oregon, California, Michigan, Tennessee;
3. Leading decisions as to transition from territorial to state courts in civil and criminal cases;
4. Decisions, if any, attacking first election or right of state officers to take over function of territorial officers;
5. Decisions showing special problems, if any, regarding transfer of debts and assets from territory to state.

Transitory measures being legislative rather than fundamental law, the committee feels this service necessary to guard against any legal error in ordinances that might defeat the whole constitution.

R. J. McNealy, Chairman, Committee
IV, Ordinances and Transitions