

Constitutional Convention
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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH CONVENTION DAY, Friday, December 2, 1955

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

The Invocation was given by Reverend Charley Alston of St. Paul's Baptist Church.

Roll call showed all present except Mr. Coghill, Mr. Emberg, Mr. Nolan and Mr. Walsh, whose absence had been excused by the President. The President declared a quorum to be present.

Mr. Riley, as Chairman of the Rules Committee, presented the following Resolution No. 8 which had been adopted by the Rules Committee.

"WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention has, on medical advice, requested a leave of absence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Convention hereby approves the Secretary's request for a leave of absence;
2. That the Convention hereby authorizes the President of the Convention to delegate, during the absence of the Secretary, such authority and duties of the Secretary of the Convention as he may deem necessary to such person or persons as are serving the Convention, and
3. That the Delegates hereby express to the Secretary their best wishes for a speedy recovery and a speedy return to the Convention."

Mr. Riley moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Sundborg objected temporarily to ask whether a resolution does not have to be assigned to a committee. The President stated that according to the rules a resolution can be treated as a motion. Mr. Sundborg withdrew his motion.

There being no objection, the resolution was ordered adopted.

Mrs. Hermann stated she noted the presence of Dr. Ernest Bartley in the gallery.

Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Resources Committee, introduced Dr. Bartley, consultant to the Resources Committee, who spoke briefly to the Delegates.

Mr. Smith suggested that the secretaries of the various committees get together with Mr. Riley, secretary of the Resources Committee, and arrange a schedule so the maximum use can be made of consultants. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

At the request of Mr. Davis, permission was granted for him to be absent at Saturday's session.

Mr. Gray asked to be granted leave for two days. Permission to leave was granted.

There being no further business at this time, Mrs. Sweeney moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention recess until 1:30 o'clock p.m.

AFTER RECESS

Mr. Doogan asked unanimous consent that the Journal for the twenty-third day be approved subject to the following corrections: Page 1, change Mr. Cooper to Mr. Rosswog. Page 2, add the following to the third paragraph from the bottom "so they would have an official document from the Convention for their scrapbook". Page 7, add "V." before Rivers. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Doogan announced that the Journals for the first three convention days would be reported on Monday.

Mr. McLaughlin moved that the present convention schedule of committee meetings be dispensed with, that the afternoon plenary session be dispensed with and that alternative (a) of the schedule which was included in Secretariat Memorandum 24/a, dated December 1, be adopted until such time as the President recommends revision. Mr. Sundborg suggested that the motion include an effective date such as Saturday. Mr. McLaughlin asked that the effective date be Monday morning because of the committee hearings already set up for Saturday. On voice vote the motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon, Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Branch, submitted the following report and asked unanimous consent for its adoption:

"The Committee on the Legislative branch, to which Proposal Number 11 and Resolution No. 4 were referred wish to report that it feels this proposal and resolution are

not properly a matter of this committee and therefore recommends that these proposals be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The above proposal and resolution relate to the capital of the State Government. Other proposals on the same subject have been referred to the Committee on Resolutions."

Mr. Sundborg asked unanimous consent to revert to the introduction of resolutions.

Resolution No. 9, as follows, was introduced by Mr. Sundborg:

"The Alaska Constitutional Convention takes note of the fact that Anthony J. Dimond Day, as designated by act of the twenty-second Territorial Legislature, occurred for the first time on November 30, 1955, the anniversary of the birth of this great Alaskan.

Anthony J. Dimond served Alaska well as pioneer citizen, lawyer, legislator, Delegate in Congress for six successive terms and as District Judge.

His career, not only as a public servant, but as a private citizen, husband and father, furnished example and inspiration to all Alaskans, including the Delegates to this Constitutional Convention.

His advocacy of, and devotion to, statehood for Alaska was well known and contributed to the advancement of that cause to the point that we are now assembled here writing a Constitution for the State of Alaska.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Constitutional Convention that upon adjournment of the last plenary session of this week, such adjournment be taken out of respect to the memory of that great Alaskan and outstanding American, the late Anthony J. Dimond."

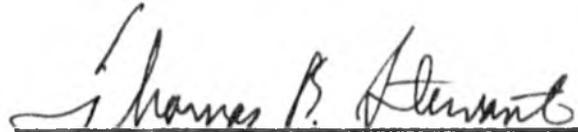
Mr. Sundborg asked unanimous consent that the resolution be adopted without reference to any committee and be spread upon today's Journal.

Mr. V. Rivers asked unanimous consent that a correction be made in the resolution to change "to Congress" to "in Congress". There being no objection, it was so ordered.

There being no objection, the Resolution was ordered adopted.

Mr. Collins announced that the Committee on Direct Legislation meet in the KFRB study at 3:45 this date.

Mr. V. Rivers asked unanimous consent that the Convention adjourn until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. There being no objection, it was so ordered.



THOMAS B. STEWART
Secretary

Attested:



WILLIAM A. EGAN
President