

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

JOURNAL FOR THE THIRTIETH CONVENTION DAY, Wednesday, December 7, 1955

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

The Invocation was given by the Rev. A. L. Moore of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Roll call showed all members present. The President declared a quorum to be present.

Mr. Knight asked unanimous consent that the Journal for the 26th day be approved as read. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Cross, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions and Recommendations, submitted the following report:

"The Committee, having had under consideration at several meetings Delegate Victor Fischer's Proposal No. 10, and Mr. Fischer as well as Consultants Sady and Elliott having appeared before the Committee and expressed their views, and Mr. Elliott having stated that he did not think that the subject matter of Proposal No. 10 properly constituted Constitutional Matter, reports to the Convention that the Committee is of opinion that Proposal No. 10 should not be included in the Constitution and that it is not Constitutional Matter.

Adopted December 6, 1955."

Mr. Fischer moved and asked unanimous consent that the report of the Resolutions and Recommendations Committee be approved. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Sundborg called the attention of the delegates to a memorandum from the Committee on Style and Drafting regarding target dates for reporting Committee proposals.

Mr. McLaughlin, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Branch, submitted a report containing the Judiciary Article, Committee Proposal No. 2. The report stated that while incorporating many of the ideas contained in Convention Proposals numbered 1, 12 and 22, the Proposal was a Committee substitute for these proposals.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSALS

Committee Proposal No. 2, by the Committee on Judiciary Branch, entitled ARTICLE ON THE JUDICIARY, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Rules Committee for assignment to the calendar.

The President ordered the first reading of Committee Proposal No. 1 which had been introduced Tuesday.

Committee Proposal No. 1, by the Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment, entitled ARTICLE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS, was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules for assignment to the calendar.

Delegate Proposal No. 37, by Mr. Londborg, entitled SENATE APPORTIONMENT, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment.

Delegate Proposal No. 38, by Mr. Taylor, entitled BILL OF RIGHTS, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Bill of Rights.

Mr. Coghill, Chairman of the ^{Committee on} Administration ~~Committee~~, introduced on behalf of the ~~Committee~~ Resolution No. 10 pertaining to the Convention Recess. *Insert*

Mr. Coghill moved the adoption of the resolution. Mr. Taylor seconded.

Mr. Londborg asked that ~~the~~ ^{the} consideration of the report be held up until Thursday in order to get an estimate of the costs.

Mr. White moved to divide the question. Mr. Fischer seconded.

The President stated that he believed Mr. Londborg wished to make a motion to delay consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Londborg moved that ~~the~~ consideration of the resolution be postponed until Thursday. Mr. Sundborg seconded.

Mr. Johnson rose to a point of order that the motion was in effect a motion to lay on the table and therefore was not debatable.

The President stated that the motion was to make it an order of business at a time certain and not in the nature of laying the matter on the table and was debatable.

The question being "Shall Resolution No. 10 be held over and made a first order of business Thursday?", the roll was called with the following result:

- Yeas: 32 - Armstrong, Barr, Boswell, Buckalew, Collins, Emberg, V. Fischer, Gray, Hellenthal, Hilscher, Johnson, Laws, Lee, Londborg, McLaughlin, McNealy, McNees, Marston, Metcalf, Reader, Riley, R. Rivers, Robertson, Rosswog, Smith, Sundborg, Sweeney, Taylor, Walsh, White, Wien, Mr. President.
- Nays: 21 - Awes, Coghill, Cooper, Cross, Davis, H. Fischer, Harris, Hermann, Hinckel, Hurley, Kilcher, King, Knight, Nerland, Nolan, Nordale, Peratrovich, Poulsen, V. Rivers, Stewart, VanderLeest
- Absent: 2 - Doogan, McCutcheon

and so the motion carried.

Mr. Johnson asked unanimous consent to revert to the introduction of proposals.

Delegate Proposal No. 39, by Mr. Johnson, entitled TRANSITORY PROVISIONS, was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures.

Mr. Coghill rose to a point of order to state he believed it took a two-thirds vote to make a matter a special order of business.

Mr. V. Rivers stated that this was a postponement to a certain time and required only a simple majority.

Mrs. Hermann asked unanimous consent to revert back to communications from outside the Convention. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Telegram from Dr. Fred M. Langsam, President of the Northwestern Alaska Chamber of Commerce at Nome, opposing any Judiciary proposal combining the second and fourth divisions and removing the court from Nome, was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary Branch.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that there is no such proposal in the Judiciary Branch Article.

The President advised Mr. McLaughlin he should communicate with Dr. Langsam regarding this matter.

The President announced that Mr. A. L. Renshaw of the University of Alaska Mining Society had an announcement to make. Without objection, Mr. Renshaw was granted the privilege of the floor to invite the delegates to the dance to be held Saturday night, December 10, in the cafeteria. The President thanked Mr. Renshaw for his invitation.

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

Mr. Sundborg announced a meeting of the Committee on Style and Drafting at 12:15 in the cafeteria.

Mr. McNealy announced a meeting of the Ordinance Committee at 3 o'clock p.m. *12:15 P.M. - [Signature]*

Mr. King asked unanimous consent that Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson be allowed to speak before the Convention as a whole when he arrives in Fairbanks to appear before the Resources Committee. Mr. V. Rivers objected. Mr. Cooper seconded.

Mr. Taylor moved to lay the matter on the table. Mr. White seconded. Mr. Johnson called for a roll call. The roll was called with the following result:

- Yeas: 17 - Buckalew, Coghill, Cross, Davis, H. Fischer, V. Fischer, Hellenthal, Hinckel, Hurley, Londborg, Poulsen, Reader, R. Rivers, Taylor, Walsh, White, Mr. President.
- Nays: 36 - Armstrong, Awes, Barr, Boswell, Collins, Cooper, Emberg, Gray, Harris, Hermann, Hilscher, Johnson, Kilcher, King, Knight, Laws, Lee, McLaughlin, McNealy, McNees, Marston, Metcalf, Nerland, Nolan, Nordale, Peratovich, Riley, V. Rivers, Robertson, Rosswog, Smith, Stewart, Sundborg, Sweeney, VanderLeest, Wien
- Absent: 2 - Doogan, McCutcheon

and so the motion failed.

Mr. Sundborg moved and asked unanimous consent to amend the motion to state that the Convention invite Dr. Gabrielson to speak. Mr. Gray seconded. Mr. Taylor objected. Mr. Taylor withdrew his objection and so the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rosswog inquired whether Dr. Gabrielson's expenses were being paid by the Alaska Sportsmen's Association and the Wildlife Institute. The answer was in the affirmative.

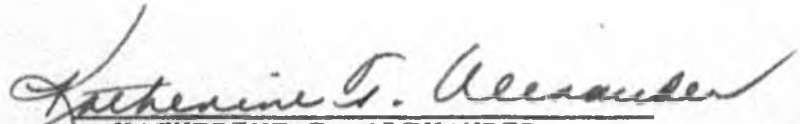
Mr. Harris moved the previous question. Mrs. Sweeney seconded. On voice vote the previous question was ordered.

The President stated the question: "Shall Dr. Gabrielson be invited to appear before the Convention?"

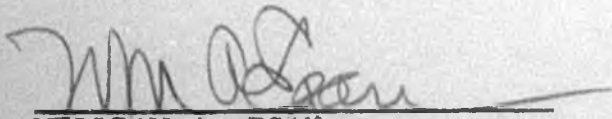
Mr. Davis rose to a point of order that the previous question was on the amendme.c. The President stated that when Mr. Taylor withdrew his objection and no further objection was made the amendment had been adopted by unanimous consent.

On voice vote the motion to invite Dr. Gabrielson to appear before the Convention was adopted.

Mr. Marston moved and asked unanimous consent that the Convention adjourn until 9 o'clock a.m., Thursday morning. There being no objection, it was so ordered.


KATHERINE T. ALEXANDER
~~Secretary~~
Chief Clerk

Attested:


WILLIAM A. EGAN
President