

Mr. Howison, Chairman of the Committee upon Accounts, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Accounts have carefully considered the question submitted to them by the order of the Convention of the 19th instant, and respectfully report that the business of the Standing Committees, excepting the Committee on Revision and Compilation, and the Committee on Accounts, does not require the retention of all the Clerks authorized at the beginning of the session.

The duties devolving upon this class of officers are now chiefly centered on the Committee on Revision and Compilation; and in order that the clerical work in that Committee may be kept up promptly, and that there may be no delay in adjourning when the business of the Convention is completed, the Committee recommend that the Clerks, excepting the one employed by the Committee on Accounts, be required to report to the Committee on Revision for such duties as may be assigned to them by that Committee. It may be proper to remark that it is not a part of the duty of the Clerk of Revision to prepare the enrolled copies of those parts of the Constitution that have passed the Convention. His time is fully occupied upon the work of engrossing and indexing.

It is absolutely necessary that the enrolling should be promptly kept up to avoid delay in adjourning; and the Committee are of opinion that this end can only be attained by adopting the recommendation they have made.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. HOWISON,

Chairman.

Which was read a first time, and

By special order, (two-thirds of all the members present concurring) a second time, and adopted.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday,

Being the report of the Committee upon the Judiciary Department with pending amendments.

The question recurring upon the amendment submitted by Mr. Gill,

Pending the consideration of which,

(By unanimous consent), Mr. Gill withdrew his amendment.