

On motion of Mr. Nyman,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal that Mr. Delinger, of Washington county, is absent from his post to-day in attendance, at Washington city, on official business.

Mr. Snearly submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Tenure, Duties and Compensation of all civil offices not embraced in the duties of the Standing Committees, inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of Commissioners of Public Works;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennard, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

Which was read and ordered to be printed.

REPORT:

The Committee appointed to prepare Rules for the Convention beg leave respectfully to make the following report:

CONVENTION.

Rule 1. The Convention shall not sit with closed doors, and in no case shall the Hall, where it may be holding its sittings, be cleared of spectators, except in cases of disorder.

THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

Rule 2. The President shall take the Chair every day precisely at the hour to which the Convention stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order and after Divine service has been performed, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the Journal of the preceding day to be read.

Rule 3. The President shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; shall decide questions of order, (unless the yeas and nays be required,) subject to an appeal to the House by any two members, (in which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Convention,) and he may vote on every question, except on an appeal from the decision of the Chair on a question of order.

Rule 4. The President shall examine and correct the Journal before it is read; he shall have a general direction of the Hall; he shall have a right to name, from time to time, any member to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond a term of days; he shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise directed by the Convention.