

of a quorum. That is a practical difficulty which I think members should take into consideration. They should remember that they cannot control the members of a deliberative body.

Mr. DANIEL. They have tried in Congress several times to adjourn over for this very object, and have refused. If Congress, politicians *per se*, who are more interested in this body than we are, will not adjourn over for it, what interest have we in it which should induce us to adjourn over? I have heard nothing at all upon the other side which convinces me that we ought to adjourn over. On the contrary I believe the great object of adjourning is that members here may have full houses to hear speeches. While I would not precipitate voting when members are absent, I do not think, as no vote is to be taken today, or will be taken Monday or Tuesday, we need to adjourn over. If we come here on those days, even if there is not a large attendance, we may have a parcel of speeches delivered, and on Thursday we have a vote.

Mr. DANIEL demanded the yeas and nays upon the amendment to adjourn until Monday, June 13th; and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 18, nays 33—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Abbott, Berry of Prince George's, Clark, Cunningham, Davis of Charles, Duvall, Hodson, Horsey, Jones of Somerset, Marbury, Markey, Miller, Morgan, Peter, Pugh, Smith of Carroll, Thomas, Wilmer—18.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Annan, Audoun, Baker, Cushing, Daniel, Davis of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Hebb, Hopper, Keefer, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Russell, Schlosser, Scott, Smith of Worcester, Sneary, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thruston, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—33.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. DANIEL demanded the yeas and nays on the motion to adjourn until June 9; and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 27, nays 23—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Audoun, Berry of Prince George's, Clarke, Cushing, Davis of Charles, Duvall, Ecker, Farrow, Hopper, Horsey, Jones of Somerset, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Peter, Russell, Smith of Carroll, Smith of Worcester, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Valliant, Wilmer, Wooden—27.

*Nays*.—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Cunningham, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Hebb, Keefer, Mullikin, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Schlosser, Scott, Sneary, Stockbridge, Swope, Todd, Wickard—23.

When his name was called,

Mr. VALLIANT said: I am opposed to all

adjournments for any purpose before the first of July, or about that time, when I apprehend it will be absolutely necessary for this Convention to adjourn. But I intend to vote in the affirmative because I have a positive assurance that there will not be a quorum here on Monday morning. I regret to have met assurance; but I have heard enough members say that they shall not be here to prevent a quorum on that day, otherwise I should vote—no. As it is, I vote—aye.

The motion was accordingly agreed to.

#### ABSENTEES.

Mr. HEBB submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, That hereafter no member of this Convention shall receive any per diem for such time as he may be absent, unless such absence is occasioned by sickness, or by permission of the Convention.

Mr. THOMAS moved that the consideration of the order be postponed until Thursday next.

Mr. HEBB. The only way of getting members here is by some such order as this.

Mr. CLARKE. When the order comes up I shall move to amend it, so that after Thursday next the per diem of members shall cease. If members want to be economical, let them come up and adopt the proposition of the minority.

Mr. THOMAS. I am in favor of the order as offered; and I know there are members absent to-day who would vote for it.

Mr. ABBOTT. Is not that the same proposition which has before been voted down?

The PRESIDENT. The other was a resolution, and this is an order. There is a substantial difference. A resolution must lie over.

The motion to postpone was agreed to.

#### DEBATE ON ADJOURNMENT OVER.

Mr. WICKARD submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, That no member shall address the Convention more than once on a motion to adjourn over; and such remarks shall not exceed three minutes in duration.

Ruled out of order, being in contravention of the rules already adopted for the government of the Convention.

#### DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

On motion of Mr. PUGH,

The Convention resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the second reading of the Declaration of Rights. The pending question was the motion of Mr. Briscoe to strike out the word "paramount" from the 4th article which was read as follows:

Art. 4. The Constitution of the United States and the laws made in pursuance thereof being the supreme law of the land, every citizen of this State owes paramount allegiance to the Constitution and Government of the United States, and is not bound by any law