

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Before continuing with debate,
2 the Chair wants to make an announcement and ask the Clerk
3 to ring the quorum bell.

4 We are in a situation where, because of the pro-
5 tracted sessions of the Convention, the Committee on
6 Style, Drafting and Arrangement, and the Committee
7 Working on the transitional provisions are unable to meet for
8 sufficient lengths of time to progress and have available
9 reports for the consideration of the Convention.

10 As indicated earlier in the week, it is imperative
11 that we have a period of at least two, and preferably three
12 days to enable these committees to complete their work and
13 present it to the Convention.

14 If we continue the announced schedule of sessions
15 of the Convention for today, tomorrow and Saturday, and
16 succeed in completing consideration of every item on the
17 agenda, and then permit these two committees to go to work
18 on their various matters we would then be in a position
19 to present their written reports to the delegates and
20 allow the delegates time enough to study them and begin debate
21 next week.

Consideration has been given to the possibility