

1 THE PRESIDENT: The Chair has asked that the
2 quorum bell be rung because I am very disturbed. I have
3 been advised that some delegates are leaving because of the
4 fact that it is snowing and that it will continue snowing
5 through the night. I realize that this is not a very
6 happy situation, but the fact is that in order to adopt
7 this Constitution, we need seventy-two votes on each and
8 every article and division, and I suggest that it would
9 be calamitous if in taking the final vote any substantial
10 number of delegates should leave with the view or thought
11 that one or two absences wouldn't make any difference.

12 In addition to that, even if we had seventy-
13 two votes, I further suggest to you that it would be well
14 nigh calamitous to have a Constitution not adopted by
15 what, I think, would be normally the overwhelming vote in
16 this Convention because if the vote is not such, it would
17 be the subject of much discussion in the election campaign.

18 I, therefore, urge every delegate to remain
19 until we conclude voting and make whatever arrangements
20 may be necessary if the snow makes it too hazardous for
21 him or her to return to his home.