

modern age. Save them, we pray you, from getting bogged down in the trivial and forgetting the vital. Grant this State through them a blessing, the blessing of a new Constitution that shall be a joy of life to the people and a pattern of excellence to other States. This our prayer we pray in the name of Your Son, Our Lord.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Roll call.

*(Whereupon, the roll was called.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Did every delegate answer roll call?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the roll call.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: I move the adoption of today's calendar.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

Are there any reports of any other committees?

CHIEF CLERK: There are no reports.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any proposals or resolutions?

*(There was no response.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Before recognizing the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda to move that the Convention resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, I want to point out several things to you as to our progress.

We spent some seven and a half hours yesterday in debate and considered four sections and 14 amendments. I understand that there are as many as 40 or 50 additional amendments prepared for this article. Because of this situation, serious consideration was given to recommending to the Convention that it not take a long holiday over this weekend, but we thought it best not to do this at the present time,

inasmuch as this is only the second long weekend since the Convention began its sessions in September and since the plans for this long weekend had been announced for more than a month, and many of you have made commitments.

In addition, however, it is perfectly obvious from the backlog of committee recommendations and minority reports that there is a tremendous amount of study and reading to be done by the delegates before we can proceed to meaningful consideration of these other committee recommendations.

Accordingly, the plan is still to adjourn at the usual time, late Wednesday afternoon, until Monday. Also, the plan is still to have a session Monday afternoon and Monday evening, rather than Monday morning. However, as you know from previous announcements, the Convention will move into a six-day a week schedule beginning next week. There is not the slightest doubt that we will necessarily be obliged to sit on Saturday, December 2, and every Saturday after that.

I think it is also rather clear that the Convention, beginning next week, will probably have to have additional night sessions. This decision is very reluctantly arrived at, because after seven hours or more of debate, it has been the feeling of the officers of the Convention that evening sessions would not be fruitful.

We do have a deadline which we must meet. We have a tremendous amount of work to do, and there seems to be no other way to do it, except to keep our noses to the grindstone and keep moving along steadily. However, I suggest to you that after the Committee of the Whole has had full debate on basic amendments and has made its views known by a decided vote, it is not in the best interests of the Convention to persist in offering the same amendments or slightly different amendments which, in effect, involve a reconsideration of the same question.

There is no disposition to shut off the debate when I suggest to you that once a question has been decided by the Committee of the Whole decisively no good purpose is served by renewing consideration of it.

Delegates who have prepared numerous amendments to other parts of this article will, sometime during the morning, review the amendments which he or she has caused to be prepared, and if they are not amendments which need still be presented in view of actions taken by the Committee of the Whole yesterday, that they be withdrawn.