

There being a quorum present, the Convention is in session.

There are still a number of amendments to be considered to the judiciary article and while the Chair sincerely hopes that debate will be very limited, it will take a little time to consider these amendments, including the presentation by the committee chairman and the minority spokesman.

This would mean that we would be into the afternoon when we reach the next item on the agenda, consideration of the very important report of the Committee on the Executive Branch.

It is perfectly obvious that that report cannot be disposed of in the time that would be remaining this afternoon.

It is deemed to be in the best interest of the Convention that if we possibly can, we consider and dispose of that report at one sitting. Therefore, the Chair will not be disposed to call that report for consideration this afternoon, but I hasten to add, lest you entertain thoughts of early adjournment, that we have arranged to dispose of another matter that we think we can dispose of very quickly and I, therefore, ask the chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda to submit for your consideration a minor amendment of the calendar. I think I should add that unless debate is unduly prolonged, I would not anticipate that we would be sitting as late as we customarily do. I think it would be possible to adjourn a little earlier than usual but just how early is up to you. The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move that today's calendar and agenda be amendment so as to insert under general orders of the day, after Item A, consideration of Committee Recommendation JB-1, the Judiciary Article, that we insert, that immediately thereafter a new item, consideration of Committee Recommendation GP-4, consumer protection.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: All in favor, signify by saying Aye, contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

Committee recommendation LB-2. The Clerk will read the memorandum.

READING CLERK: Committee Memorandum LB-2 by the Committee on the Legislative Branch, Francis X. Gallagher, Chairman. A memorandum in support of

Committee Recommendation LB-2 that portions of Article III of the new Constitution dealing with the Legislative Branch provide for substantially equal legislative districts, create an independent commission to recommend redistricting plans to the General Assembly, provide for the filling of vacancies in the General Assembly, and establish legislative procedure, to read as follows:

THE PRESIDENT: The memorandum will be received and distributed.

The Chair wishes to comment that special efforts have been made to have this memorandum completed, printed and in your hands so that you can consider it before the Committee Recommendation is reached on the agenda.

This will be next week and inasmuch as it has been indicated that we will be having night sessions next week, the Chair suggests that the ideal time for you to study this memorandum is this weekend.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: A personal privilege. I see my wife sitting in the gallery with our little dog Ginger, and I would like to call to the Convention's attention that this is Ginger's fifth birthday.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate E. J. Clarke.

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: In order that we may celebrate all birthdays together, I would like to call to the attention of the Convention that this is the birthday of my seat mate, Delegate Hal Clagett, who is much younger than I.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, I feel as if I have really gone to the dogs.

THE PRESIDENT: Any other announcements? Any motions or resolutions?

*(There was no response.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the Convention resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole to resume consideration of the general orders of the day.

THE PRESIDENT: Second?