

if we could work out some kind of a solution or some kind of a way in which we could bring this Convention to see eye to eye, all of us together, on a method which would establish the basic concepts of government so long a tradition in this country and at the same time establish a workable arrangement for the attorney general, comptroller and Board of Public Works.

Therefore, if it is in order, I would like to move that some of this be delayed and that the Chair appoint some kind of a select committee to work with the Committee on the Executive Branch and see if some kind of a program could not be developed which would be helpful to all of us.

THE PRESIDENT: I think the Chair ought to make a statement with respect to the suggestion of Delegate Kiefer. I do not think that there is the slightest question but that the problem now confronting the Convention is one of very great importance and could be very divisible.

To that end, as I think every delegate in the Convention knows, the Chair tried very hard in the course of the past week and particularly from Wednesday of last week on, to work out a compromise that would be satisfactory to everyone on the Committee on the Executive Branch.

At one point it appeared as though this could be accomplished. The Committee met for a long time yesterday and the final conclusion was that they were unable to reach agreement. This is a matter which has been before the Committee on the Executive Branch practically since the beginning of the Convention. They have wrestled with it certainly constantly.

I do not believe that the Convention can possibly remove the question from consideration by that Committee and refer it to another select committee to consider and report back to the Convention.

It seems to me that the only way we can possibly make progress on the matter is to proceed in the way we are. If the Committee has been unable to reach agreement, then we will have to reach agreement in some way on the floor. At least that is the way it seems to the Chair.

Is there any other comment? I would be very happy if it could work out otherwise, but I do not seem to be able to do it.

The motion is to adopt — Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. President, I only want to make this comment, I doubt

if it would be reached but it is on the Agenda. The matters before the State Finance and Taxation Committee. In my discussion with Delegate Powers we had assumed it would not be reached until Wednesday or Thursday of this week. We could get ready if everything else suddenly went through.

THE PRESIDENT: That is why it is on the Agenda. Sometimes those things do happen. We might be fortunate and come to a quick agreement.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: If that is so, we might ask for a short recess in order to put things together.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Borom.

DELEGATE BOROM: If it would help solve the problem, General Provisions could be brought up on very short notice. We could take up the slack if Judge Sherbow is not ready.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

The question arises to amend the calendar and adopt the calendar as amended.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate Cardin for the purpose of making an announcement.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Mr. President and fellow delegates, it is with pleasure that I announce that we have here today in the rear gallery sixty-eight students of the Pikesville Junior High School Ninth Grade accompanied by their teachers, Mr. Wessells and Mr. Nord, and my close friend and confidant, Mrs. Joseph Luskins.

I hope we will give them a cordial welcome and that they enjoy our deliberations.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delighted to have them.

The Chair also takes pleasure in recognizing the presence in the gallery of the Honorable Bertha S. Adkins, former Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, of the United States, and Miss Sarah Adkins, respectively cousin and sister of Delegate Dale Adkins.

We are delighted to have both of them here today.