

Are there any other reports of committees?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will read the Minority Report R&P-1(B).

READING CLERK: Minority Report R&P-1(B), by Delegates Bennett, Bothe, Dabrowski, Hardwicke, Kosakowski, Mitchell, and Taylor, to Committee Recommendation R&P-1.

“A MINORITY REPORT: the Committee had before it several proposals (34, 121, 171, 172, 406, 421, 424) dealing with the rights of working people. The majority decided that the subject should not be mentioned in the Constitution.”

THE PRESIDENT: Minority Report R&P-1(B) will be distributed.

Consideration has been given during the luncheon recess to suggestions from some delegates that inasmuch as many of you have made arrangements to stay down this evening, though normally you would return to your homes, that we have an evening session.

There has also been an inquiry — I do not say a suggestion — from one or two delegates as to whether we would adjourn earlier this afternoon, because of the conditions of the roads.

After discussing the matter, we thought it inadvisable to have an evening session this evening, for several reasons: One, the delegates have not planned on it, and this could seriously inconvenience delegates who have no such plans, and are not for one reason or another able to stay down this evening; and secondly, some committee meetings have been scheduled, some of which are very important; and thirdly, the feeling on the part of the officers, the reason I think shared by most of the delegates, that two long days in a row such as we had yesterday are not really desirable.

For that reason we will not have a session this evening. I do urge all delegates who have changed their plans and will be staying down this evening to attend the committee meetings.

There is a very important meeting, I think, of the Committee on Style and there are other important committee meetings, discussing the schedule of legislation and the schedule of transitory provisions.

These are becoming more and more urgent, and I do not think any of you would

lack for matters to occupy your attention during the long winter evening.

The Secretary is keeping in touch with the state police, and will advise me by mid-afternoon of the anticipated condition of the roads. If the present indications continue, that the snow will be heavy and not change to rain, I think the suggestion will be made that we adjourn perhaps at 5:00 so that the delegates who will be riding the roads can get on the road and home before a hard freeze sets in.

I say 5:00 P.M. rather than 4:30 P.M., because I am informed that the worst time to be on the road in the Annapolis area any day is about 4:30 P.M., so that would not help matters.

We will keep you advised of conditions.

I also want to advise you that we have inquired at the hotels and the Maryland Inn is completely booked, but there are ample facilities available at the Hilton, I am informed.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, first I would like to move to amend debate Schedule Number 7, which will involve the Legislative Branch Committee Recommendation LB-2 coming before the Committee of the Whole next after we conclude the executive article.

Under section 3.17 you would add, consideration of Minority Report LB-2(A), requiring a Constitutional majority for passage of bills. The debate schedule will provide that Delegate Gilchrist will control ten minutes of debate for the minority, Delegate Gallagher, ten minutes for the majority, and uncontrolled time of ten minutes, and then under 3.18, the minority report schedule will be changed to LB-2(B).

I move the amendment to that debate schedule.

THE PRESIDENT: The motion is seconded?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

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

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I move the Convention resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of resuming consideration of the orders of the day.