

*governments affected; or may be created by the county governments affected subject to confirmation by the General Assembly; or may be created by the affirmative vote of a majority of the registered voters of the region voting on a plan proposed by a petition signed by a number of registered voters of the region equal to at least five per cent of the votes cast in the region in the most recent gubernatorial election.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 226 is referred to the Committee on Local Government.

Delegate Proposal No. 227. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 227, by Delegate Finch. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that no person born as a result of artificial insemination shall be deprived of any right of inheritance provided by law.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 227 is referred to the Committee on Personal Rights and the Preamble.

Some question arose as to the committee to which that proposal should be referred, but it seemed that was the only appropriate committee.

Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: In view of the fact that the Committee on Personal Rights and the Preamble has been considering other matters concerning sex, we will take this one too.

THE PRESIDENT: Motions and resolutions?

There is a resolution which has been circulated which should be on your desk. It is Resolution No. 7. The Clerk will read the resolution.

READING CLERK: Resolution No. 7, by Delegate Frederick.

A RESOLUTION concerning the date and procedure for the ratification of the proposed constitution.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I move the Clerk dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 7.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

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

I have only one brief announcement. I indicated to you yesterday that I had both a letter and telephone call from Delegate O'Connor, and in the letter which was read to you and his telephone call he told me that he had placed in the mail a formal letter of resignation. That has not been received. I just had a check of the post office and it is not there. I assume it will be here today or tomorrow morning. If so, I will announce it to the Convention tomorrow.

Any announcements by Committee chairmen? Delegate Boyce?

DELEGATE BOYCE: I believe all members of the Third District were sent a copy of the letter and one of us would be delighted to give it to you. It is addressed to you, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: The letter of resignation or his letter of yesterday?

DELEGATE BOYCE: It is dated September 26 and he says, "I am confident that the public will realize—"

THE PRESIDENT: That is the letter, I think, Delegate Boyce, that was read yesterday. That is to be followed by a formal letter of resignation which should be here tomorrow.

DELEGATE BOYCE: We, as the Third District, and I understood Delegate Gallagher, were going to ask if we should meet and come back with our selection committee nominee. However, I suppose we can not if you have not yet received the letter.

THE PRESIDENT: We may be able to do it tomorrow, if you can act that quickly; perhaps the Convention will be willing to recess for such period of time as is necessary.

DELEGATE BOYCE: That would be satisfactory to me and I am sure with the rest of the delegates. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: There is perhaps an opportunity for you to do that, in view of the special program for tomorrow afternoon.

Delegate Scanlan, do you want to be recognized?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: The Committee on Rules appreciates the urgency of