

spent on the two elections in the year, covering salaries of the board and everything else, and that they were merely going to submit half of their cost of the operation of their office as the cost of the election. This is not a good basis, because in a primary you have much greater expense than you do in the general election, especially when you have legislative districts, because of the different ballots that have to be made up."

Later on he says again in response to you, "I do not know how many other ones feel the same way" — talking now about the additional expense of the election —

"because the budget in an election year in Montgomery County runs pretty close to \$200,000. When I say election year, I am confusing it, because up until the last election, there was an election every year and last year there were two in the same fiscal . . . The budget in a nonfiscal year and nonelection year now in Montgomery County runs, I would say, in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Just a figure picked out of the air. I am not sure that is what it is. An election year with two elections in it is going to run you close to a quarter million, I would say."

Then he says "we have almost \$50,000 expended just for judges."

The points I made before and I restate is that the figures submitted to our Committee concerned the cost of elections in this state and each of its counties are not reliable. I do not suggest what the cost is but I would admit for the record I cannot imagine it is anything like four times or three times what they suggested but I do think it is substantially greater than what they suggest in this tabulation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of the minority spokesman for purposes of clarification?

Delegate Ritter.

DELEGATE RITTER: Delegate Byrnes, I did not get to ask Delegate Schloeder, do you have any figures as to what the election costs for Allegany County were in the 1966 and 1967 fiscal year? Do you have any figures? I was given some by members of your Committee that I find are not true figures.

DELEGATE BYRNES: The figures I have, Delegate Ritter, are for the cost of the 1966 general election in Allegany County. The figure is \$18,663.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Ritter.

DELEGATE RITTER: I would like to know then — I will probably have to ask the Board of Election Supervisors — what they did with the \$60,741 put in the budget for the 1966-1967 fiscal year. We might have to have an investigation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of the minority spokesman for purposes of clarification? Very well. Thank you, Delegate Byrnes. That concludes the presentation of the Committee with respect to section 7, and the minority report.

Beginning tomorrow morning we will begin consideration of the amendment submitted by the minority with respect to section 7. The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I move the Committee of the Whole rise and report that it has not yet concluded consideration of Committee Recommendation S&E-2.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered. The Clerk will please ring the quorum bell.

*(Whereupon a roll call vote was taken.)*

*(Whereupon, at 6:10 P.M. the Committee of the Whole rose, and the Convention reconvened.)*

*(The mace was replaced by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)*

## PLENARY SESSION

DECEMBER 7, 1967—6:10 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,  
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order. On behalf of the Committee of the Whole, the Chair reports that the Committee has had under consideration Committee Recommendation S&E-2, still has it under consideration, and desires leave to sit again.

Report of Committees, Mr. Clerk. Report No. 15 of the Committee of the Whole. The Clerk will read the report.

READING CLERK: Report of the Committee of the Whole No. 15. This report covers matters in General Order No. 14,