

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: There being a quorum present, the Convention is now in session.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, the committee would like to announce that after consultation with the officers and committee chairmen, and because of the desirability of having some respite from duties, that on October 27, Friday, we do not propose that we be in session. In other words, on the Thursday before, we propose to move to adjourn until the following Monday. Likewise, on Thanksgiving Day and the day thereafter, we propose that there not be sessions, and on Wednesday, the 22nd, we propose to move to adjourn until the following Monday. Unless the Convention by majority vote decides to the contrary, this is the procedure we propose to follow.

I move that the calendar and agenda for today be approved.

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: The question arises on the motion to approve the calendar. All those in favor, say Aye; opposed, No. The motion carries. It is so ordered. The calendar is adopted.

Are there any reports of the standing committees?

(There was no response.)

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: We now come to introduction and first reading of proposals.

Delegate Proposal No. 309. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 309, by Delegate Gill. Title,

A PROPOSAL that all final committee votes on all bills in both houses of the General Assembly shall be by individual recorded vote entered in the daily journal of the appropriate house.

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 309 is referred to the Committee on the Legislative Branch.

Delegate Proposal No. 310. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 310, by Delegate James. Title,

A PROPOSAL that the General Assembly shall provide by general law for

the government of municipal corporations, subject to the right reserved to the General Assembly to enact both local and general laws concerning the incorporation, merger, dissolution, and alteration of boundaries of municipal corporations, and that municipal corporations existing on the effective date of this Constitution shall retain their charter powers until changed pursuant to the provisions of this section.

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 310 is referred to the Committee on Local Government.

Delegate Proposal No. 311. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 311, by Delegate Gill. Title,

A PROPOSAL that a law altering the boundaries of a county shall be enacted only by the affirmative vote of at least three-fifths of all the members of each house, and shall be subject to affirmative action by a majority of the registered voters voting in each of the affected counties.

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 311 is referred to the Committee on Local Government.

Delegate Proposal No. 312. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 312, by Delegates Mitchell and White. Title,

A PROPOSAL that the right to vote in any election or on any question submitted to the electorate in the State, counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions shall not be abridged on account of religion, race, color, sex, or economic circumstance.

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 312 is referred to the Committee on Suffrage and Elections.

Delegate Proposal No. 313. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 313, by Delegate Gallagher. Title,

A PROPOSAL that the legislature shall pass no special or local act when a general act is applicable, and that whether a general act is applicable shall be a matter for judicial determination.

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 313 is referred to the Committee on the Legislative Branch.