

consumer protection by Delegate Freeland.

THE PRESIDENT: The memorandum will be received and distributed.

Are there any committee recommendations or reports?

THE CHIEF CLERK: No.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gallagher handed me a letter he received from Delegate Bushong. I will read parts of it.

"I am still being checked out here at the hospital and so far they have found out that I have an underactive thyroid, and I think it is being taken care of. The main thing is that I was losing weight and this is now all right. I expect to be out of here sometime this week. I will get down there as soon as I can." Signed, "Stuart Bushong."

The Chair recognizes Delegate Ulrich.

DELEGATE ULRICH: On behalf of Delegates Anderson, Neilson, and myself, we would like to welcome in the balcony 111 students from the North Glen Elementary School, their teachers, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Harris and Mr. Muntain. I would like the Convention to welcome them at this time.

THE PRESIDENT: Delighted to have them.

(Applause.)

Item 7 on the agenda, second reading of committee recommendations or reports, and Item 9 on the agenda which is consideration of report by the Committee of the Whole, will be taken up this afternoon after the lunch recess.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the Convention resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the general orders of the day.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

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

(Whereupon, at 10:20 A.M., the Convention resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.)

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DECEMBER 13, 1967—10:20 A.M. PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY, PRESIDING

THE CHAIRMAN: The Committee of the Whole will please come to order.

The Committee of the Whole will resume consideration of Committee Recommendation R&P-1 under Debate Schedule 10.

We had concluded consideration of Committee Recommendation R&P-1 section by section and are now ready for consideration of Minority Report R&P 1(B).

The Chair recognizes Delegate Bothe to present the minority report.

DELEGATE BOTHE: Ladies and gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole. R&P 1(B), which I am presenting here today is a report of a near majority of the Committee on Personal Rights and the Preamble advocating that the new constitution contain a provision for the right to organize and bargain collectively.

We of the minority feel that this right is as fundamental, as necessary, as any of those contained in the Declaration of Rights which we have for the most part adopted in this Convention; that it is co-extensive and correlated with the rights of free speech and assembly; and that it is just as necessary and more so today than the prohibitions in our Constitution written 100 years ago against involuntary servitude and other direct means of keeping people under the domination of others.

We have, during the past weeks, spoken of many things which belong in or should be out of a constitution. At this juncture in our deliberations, although I never had any doubts as to the appropriateness of a right in the constitution to organize and bargain collectively, we have in the new constitution given space to the spirit of conservation; we have mandated that the consumers shall be protected against unfair business practices; we have decreed that elected officials be honest; we have been assured that farmers will not be dispossessed of their lands by unfair taxation; and yesterday we determined that while people may be incarcerated pending trial, their property must be compensated for when it is damaged.

By comparison, the right to organize and bargain collectively is a most real and most operative provision in which this constitution can accomplish something for