

throughout the debate, except when it is absolutely necessary for you to leave. I assure you from the position of the Chair that when you absent yourself during debate or questions, debate is prolonged because you return and you are not familiar with what has been said and it leads to other questions and unnecessary debate.

In addition, much as I regret to suggest this because I firmly believe that it is well nigh impossible for any group of people to work harder or more continuously than this group is, I think we shall have to steel ourselves to the prospect that the sessions will begin earlier, will continue later, and that we shall have to work day and night until we conclude the agenda.

It would, therefore, be the intention to continue the session this evening until 10:30 P.M. or later if there is a matter under consideration. Consideration will be given during the dinner hour whether to begin tomorrow's session at 9:30 P.M., but in any event, it obviously will be necessary to have a session tomorrow evening.

If we do not conclude before Friday evening, it seems to me obviously necessary that we have a session Friday evening.

I regret very much that this is necessary, but I am sure all of you will realize the absolute necessity for it. Unless we can conclude consideration of all of these matters in time so that we can all take a breather, take a good hard look at what has been done and let these two committees work uninterruptedly on matters which they must consider quietly, we are bound to end up in a mad rush at the very end, and that is the result that I am sure everyone desires to avoid.

I do not want to give you the slightest indication that the Chair feels that the debate has been unnecessary. These are troublesome matters. They are difficult matters, and they are matters as to which many questions naturally arise. I simply ask your continued, even greater, cooperation to the end that we may accomplish our purpose. The Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, regretfully I must call a meeting of the Committee on the Legislative Branch for a quarter of eight this evening.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. President, I thought your remarks were very apropos and on a point of personal privilege, we feel Delegate Boyles and surrounding delegates

back here would like to make a little presentation to give to the Chair and hope the Chair will accept it in the spirit with which it is given. I would hope perhaps that the Chair would keep it in front of the Committee.

THE PRESIDENT: I think it might be an excellent idea to keep it right up front.

DELEGATE BOYER: We hoped you would keep it up there as a perpetual reminder to the delegates of the approaching season.

THE PRESIDENT: Do you suggest we get some decorations and have a red ball and green ball hanging from it?

DELEGATE BOYER: At your own risk, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Are there any announcements by Committee Chairmen?

*(There was no response.)*

Delegate Gill.

DELEGATE GILL: May I suggest a name for the gift?

THE PRESIDENT: Certainly.

DELEGATE GILL: Hope.

THE PRESIDENT: Very well. We will keep Hope right on the desk.

Are there any other announcements?

*(There was no response.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any delegates not present at roll call may indicate their presence now in supplementary roll call.

The Clerk will record the supplementary roll call.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

I should have observed that consideration has been given to shortening the dinner hour as we have the luncheon hour, but this seems undesirable. It is difficult enough to get dinner even in the hour and a half and besides it has been suggested that delegates are entitled to one square meal a day.

Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move we recess until 8:15 P.M.

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