

ject committed to them to best secure permanent liberty and the happiness of their country.

The rights you exercise were won in 1776 and have been protected in memorable struggles through the years. The fight for liberty, however, must be won anew each day, and the contest for good government waged during the days of peace is no less important, than the battle waged in the heat of armed conflict.

In a way, I envy you. I wish I could join you. Yours is a great opportunity, a great challenge. I know that the product of your work will be respected by all. Thank you very much. (*Standing ovation.*)

**THE PRESIDENT:** Thank you very much, Governor Driscoll. I know I speak the sentiments of all when I say that all of us wish we could speak so eloquently and so forcibly on such short notice.

I would like to acknowledge the presence in the gallery this afternoon of several groups. The Convention today is being visited by a group of a dozen or more editors of newspapers throughout the State, they have been attending the various committee sessions and they are present at this session. I would like all of them to join the officers of the Convention and Governor Driscoll in the lounge immediately following the session for a brief chat.

I also want to acknowledge the presence in the gallery of seventy-five members of the fifth grade of the Maryland Club of Ocean City Elementary School. In addition there are twenty adults, including two teachers with them, Mrs. Eby and Mrs. Downs.

The next item on the calendar is the consideration of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget. This report, as you understand, includes a favorable report on Resolution No. 9 and consideration of the unfavorable report on Resolution No. 11.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Scanlan, Chairman of the Committee. Will you come forward, please.

**DELEGATE SCANLAN:** Mr. President, Governor Driscoll, fellow delegates: I have the honor to present the Ninth Report of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget. As indicated, the report deals with two resolutions, originally three, but Resolution No. 8 has been withdrawn by its sponsor and he has indicated to the committee that he is in agreement

with the committee's favorable recommendation with respect to Resolution No. 9.

The other half of the report recommends an unfavorable report with respect to Resolution No. 11.

The problem arises from the fact that under Rule 27 [28]\* as it now stands each delegate who has submitted a proposal who wants a hearing on his proposal before the Committee takes final action is entitled to have it. As I understand it, the committees uniformly have been attempting to provide this hearing. But the substantive committees are now reaching the stage where they are preparing or will soon be preparing and filing with the Committee of the Whole their very important reports on the various substantive articles of the proposed new Constitution. If they have the obligation to continue to go back and give hearings as each proposal comes in, this very important work will be seriously interfered with.

Nevertheless we did discuss in the committee the possibility of a cut-off date for all delegate proposals somewhat along the line of the practice that prevails in the General Assembly. It was the feeling of the committee that at this point in time it should not be done.

In the first place, through the distribution of delegate proposals a delegate can be sure that the entire Convention, that all delegates know about his idea, that it has been brought to their attention. We think at this point in time it would be unfair to deny the delegate this right.

Actually while many proposals have been introduced, I do not think the flow of proposals is yet unmanageable. We will concede that many of the proposals have no place in a Constitution and would be more appropriately legislation of the type to which Governor Driscoll referred in his remarks to the Convention. But we do not think at this point in time they should be cut off. We do not want to expose the Convention to a charge that they are trying to gag or squelch delegate proposals. Indeed perhaps in late October or early November there may come forth many good proposals, that all wisdom of the Convention may not manifest itself just in the middle of October.

However, we are sympathetic with the committees' problem and our recommenda-

\*The number in brackets refers to the final number assigned to the rule in the Rules of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland.