

those people. I, therefore, ask that the Convention join me in rejecting this proposal.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Powers?

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, one of the principal reasons that the Committee on Calendar and Agenda made the suggestion that we have a long weekend toward the latter part of the month of October was that many delegates needed more time than they now have to talk over matters with the people where they live.

There seems to be some impression that the only work that is done by a delegate to the Convention is either on the floor of the Convention or in committees. I think most of us would agree that a great deal of time is spent by every delegate consulting with constituents and that this is one of the principal purposes for doing that.

Also at that time we will be going into a phase where we will begin to have much longer meetings of the session itself, and delegates will have even less time to spend with their constituents or confer with them. It is believed that it was important for that reason alone. I hope the motion will fail.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Scanlan?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: May I remind Delegate Fornos and our fellow delegates that the great Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787 enjoyed several brief respites from its important labors, and its final product did not suffer from a week off in that case. I think the final product of this Convention will not suffer from a day off.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. President, the Committee on Personal Rights and the Preamble has been working very long hours and they will continue to work long hours. Very frankly, while October 27 may be a holiday, I expect that most of the members of this committee will be working, as Delegate Powers said, back home; but, even so, there is a tremendous amount of work to be done. We do not call this a lost day. In fact, we do welcome a respite from having to be here at the Convention. I feel that is not to be a lost day.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Fornos, I will recognize you to close the debate but I think others should have their chance. Delegate Gill.

DELEGATE GILL: At the time of this suggestion the cut-off date for introducing proposals was October 17 or 23rd, I forget now. But since then it has been moved up to the 27th. I doubt the wisdom of a holiday on that account.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Beall?

DELEGATE BEALL: Mr. President, I can understand that if I lived in commuting distance, I would not need a holiday; but for us who live 200 miles away, it seems proper that we should have the opportunity to get back to our homes one day in the week.

We can go up there on Fridays or Saturdays, but Monday we have to start to drive back in order to be here when the Convention convenes. I hope that we would get at least one day a month, a work day, when we can go back and meet with our own constituents and talk to people. Saturdays everybody knows nobody else is around. We would like to have that one day. I hope the motion is defeated.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Bard.

DELEGATE BARD: Mr. President, I hope that the debate on this issue does not resolve itself into the matter as to whether we shall take a holiday or not, but rather as to whether we will have one day that is scheduled somewhat differently from other days. It seems to me this is the real issue at hand. We will be doing that which we seek to do in different ways on a necessarily tight schedule.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there anything further? Delegate Hutchinson?

DELEGATE HUTCHINSON: Mr. President, I personally have been asked by several school teachers to speak to their classes one day on the constitution and on the Convention. Because of our schedule, I am afraid I have not been able to have an opportunity. I would enjoy one day to do so.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Fornos.

DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. President, I am delighted to see the unanimity among the leadership of this Convention and also the others who have joined in calling for