

to indicate to you anything other than that this is the present position of the District Director of Internal Revenue, and I fully understand that the position he has taken is not the position that some courts have adopted. We have asked the District Director for further clarification, and if and when it is received, it will be passed on to the delegates.

Let me remind you that the boat ride is this afternoon. The boat will leave at 4:30 P.M., from Annapolis. The boat will be available at Dock Street, from 4:00 P.M. on. Parking is available at Dock Street at ten cents an hour until 6:00 P.M.; thereafter, no charge. The boat should be back by 7:30 P.M., so that those committees having hearings at 8:00 P.M. this afternoon should be back in time for them.

As the delegates realize, we have been duplicating and forwarding to the delegates memoranda in support of delegate proposals to whatever extent they are offered by delegates, on the theory that each delegate should, to the greatest extent possible, be entitled to place his views in writing before the other delegates. Up until now, this has not posed a major problem. The practice will be continued, unless it grows to such an extent as to interfere with the duplication of committee reports and proposals. In this event, the memoranda of delegates will be given a preferred priority in the duplicating room, so that when the committee reports start to come in, which will be very shortly, the committee reports will have priority over everything. Next will be delegate proposals, and following that will be the various memoranda.

It has been indicated to me that some delegates will desire to file memoranda in opposition to proposals. These also will be duplicated within the bounds of reason and to the extent that I have already indicated.

Let me request, however, that delegates not make these memoranda unduly long. If you can make your point succinctly, each committee will give you the opportunity to elaborate by personal appearance, and the memorandum should serve only the function of stating your views as succinctly as possible. The memorandum, if at all possible, should be limited to one page.

I had, as I indicated to the Convention heretofore, considerable difficulty in resolving the question of excuse for absences on the basis of some of the reasons for absences which have been forwarded to me within the limitations of the rule adopted

by the Convention. The problem arises, not because delegates have requested excuses for reasons which are not proper, but because I requested every delegate who was absent from a session of the convention and committee on the same day to advise me in writing of the reason for his absence, so that I could, in making the first determinations as to absences, adopt some coherent rule.

I find it impossible to distinguish between absences for personal business reasons, by which I mean reasons connected with the business, but the personal business of the delegate, for instance, absences of a lawyer in trying a case, or absences due to the demand of the employer of the delegate.

I went over with the other three officers of the Convention each of the reasons for absences, and in order to be absolutely fair, we adopted a rule which will be evident when I ask the Clerk to read the following excuses for absences. These are the only absences excused during the past two weeks.

READING CLERK: Announcement to the Convention: I wish to announce to the Convention and to enter in the journal that, pursuant to the provisions of Convention Rule 70C [76]\*, I excused absences of delegates during the two pay periods beginning September 12, 1967, and ending October 31, 1967, as follows: Name of delegate, E. Stuart Bushong, dates of absences are September 12 and 13, reason: wife in hospital; name of delegate, Richard W. Case, dates of absences, September 15, reason: illness; name of delegate, Perry E. Darby, date of absence, September 19, reason: birth of child; name of delegate, Royce Hanson, date of absence, September 27, 28, 29, October 2 and 3, reason: illness; name of delegate, William S. James, dates of absences, September 26 and 27, reason: attending meeting of National Legislative Conference to deliver address on the Constitutional Convention of Maryland; name of delegate, Gerald D. Morgan, dates of absences, September 14 and 15, reason: illness; name of delegate, Charles L. Wagandt, dates of absences, September 21, reason: illness; name of delegate, Ralph R. Webster, dates of absences, September 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, October 2 and 3, reason: illness. H. Vernon Eney, President.

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