

*(There was no response.)*

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

Are there any reports of standing committees?

*(There was no response.)*

If not, the first item on the calendar is the introduction and first reading of proposals.

Before doing that, I want to call to your attention a memorandum accompanying Delegate Proposal No. 222, by Delegate Finch, and a summary memorandum accompanying Delegate Proposal No. 255, also by Delegate Finch.

At my request, the Committee on State Finance has returned to me Delegate Proposal No. 387, which was inadvertently referred to that committee. I refer that to the Committee on Local Government. Will you please mark your copy, Delegate Proposal 387, now referred to the Committee on Local Government.

Delegate Proposal No. 400. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 400, by Delegate Grumbacher. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that each house of the General Assembly shall elect its own officers by secret ballot; that each house shall determine its rules of procedure; that each house may permit its committees to meet between sessions of the General Assembly; and that each standing committee shall elect its chairman by secret ballot.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 400 is referred to the Committee on the Legislative Branch.

That is the only delegate proposal today.  
*(Applause.)*

I have only one announcement, this in effect is a request from my secretary. Before the end of each pay period she sends a written memorandum to delegates who have been absent from any of the sessions, requesting them to indicate on the memorandum whether there is a reason for the absence. In absences where the delegate has no reason he desires to give as an excuse, they have not been returning the memorandum. I would appreciate it if you do so, because otherwise my secretary is uncertain as to whether she perhaps has not received an excuse which you have sent or mislaid the excuse.

Are there any announcements by committee chairmen? Delegate Kiefer?

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Personal Rights and the Preamble yesterday heard testimony from a number of people concerning rights of labor. We did not hear fully from the three or four delegates who have submitted proposals, including Proposal No. 34, which was submitted by Delegates Murphy, Vecera and Harris. They were promised an opportunity to appear before our Committee to discuss it further if they want to do so, and also Delegate Miller, in connection with her Proposal 121.

Monday at 2:00 P.M. the committee will consider any further remarks, arguments or statements that any of these four delegates would like to make on behalf of their proposals. Thereafter, the committee proposes to debate this issue and to make a decision concerning these bills, and it will consider whether the rights of labor should be included in the Constitution, that is, in the Bill of Rights.

Also on Monday, when we conclude the labor question, either after the Convention adjourns for the day or that evening, we hope to get to the subject of freedom of religion, which is covered in Section 1.03 of the draft. Hopefully, we will have some action on that.

In addition to this, there are a number of proposals which have been referred to the Committee on Personal Rights and the Preamble which the committee may find belong in the legislature rather than the Constitutional Convention. Hopefully, we will be able to weed out some of these and recommend to the President that they be referred to the legislature for whatever action the legislature might want to take. I believe there is a resolution to that effect somewhere in the works. We believe we will have some that we can at least say are not matters for this Convention.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Mudd?

DELEGATE MUDD: Mr. President, the Committee on the Judicial Branch has now concluded all hearings, including the opportunity for delegates to appear before our committee on all proposals referred to this committee.

We are now considering and debating the last phase of the four-tier court system, presently considering conformation and jurisdiction of that four-tier system. We will convene fifteen minutes after ad-