

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I think that may be correct.

DELEGATE DELLA: How you came up with the figure of \$7,000, I do not know.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: You are correct, the last budget of the General Assembly shows an over-all communications budget, I assume that includes postage and telegraph as well as telephone, roughly \$51,000. I think I indicated in my remarks that we did not go as high as the General Assembly, in estimating the telephone bill; we estimated \$7,000 a month times four, which gives \$28,000 for a telephone bill. But the telephone bill, if I read the secretary's memorandum correctly, as of October 23 stands at \$7,753.89, which indicates it is running less than the \$7,000 estimated, which, I think, perhaps shows that lowering the estimates of telephone is probably right. The delegates just do not call home that much.

DELEGATE DELLA: Not as responsive to the people maybe. (*Laughter.*) Do you mean to say the delegates, once they are in Annapolis, do not want to communicate with the people back home?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I did not say that, but perhaps they have concentrated more on affairs here rather than their offices back home. In any event, the telephone is running a little lower than anticipated.

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT: Any further questioning of the Chairman? The Chair recognizes Delegates Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I rise upon a point of inquiry. I ask if the Chairman will yield.

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT: Will the Chairman yield?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Certainly.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Ladies and gentlemen, before the question comes, I refer to this flowery report on page 2, line 27 and give to you a brief moment to read that which we are now being asked to adopt.

As I understand this report, during the first 90 days we are going to have actually 75 working days which will take us up to December 12 or thereabouts.

The next 15-day period, as I understand this report, we are going to be working, which carries us through Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas Eve, and Christmas. Is

this the intention of the administration of this Convention, Mr. Chairman?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I certainly can not speak for the administration of this Convention, but I can, I think, speak as to what I think was in mind in casting a 105-day session. I believe that the 105-day session anticipates perhaps that we reach December 12 without completing our work, but perhaps the Committee of the Whole almost completing its work, which would mean, again this is surmise and assumption, that all the committee reports had cleared the Committee of the Whole and gone to the Committee on Style to be put into one harmonious document. We would then recess and return to this chamber to go into a session of the Convention needed for the second and final reading.

This is surmise but I am sure that that is what the 105-day session is based on. This is likely to be the way it works out, not that we go 105 days right through Christmas Eve, as you put it. I stress, however, that I have no responsibility for those decisions other than the one vote I have as a delegate, if they are presented to me.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Will the Chairman yield for another question?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Yes, but less enthusiastically than I did the first time. (*Laughter.*)

DELEGATE MALKUS: I know you have studied this budget very carefully.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I gave it the care that I thought it warranted, Senator.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. Chairman, it is hard to get ahead of a Boston Irishman in an argument.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I am from New Jersey and only half Irish, but you are about as accurate as usual. Go ahead. (*Laughter.*)

DELEGATE MALKUS: Now, Mr. Chairman, again we become serious. Have you studied the 15 days beginning with the end of the 90 days, at the per diem allowed per delegate in this Convention which carries us through the Christmas, past the Christmas holidays?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Yes, I believe so.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Is it then not true, Mr. Chairman, that this budget calls for that we will get per diem for 15 days after the end of the 90-day session without