

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, sir.

Delegate Hopkins.

DELEGATE HOPKINS: Personal privilege.

THE PRESIDENT: State the privilege.

DELEGATE HOPKINS: I know that the delegates will want to welcome the wife and children of Delegate Hostetter who are in the balcony behind the rostrum, his wife Edie, and his children Elsa, Lisa, Leslie, Carla, Edie White and Eddie, the twins, and their little friend Cathy Pickens.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: I would like the Convention to welcome my treasurer, who is in the balcony not having absconded with the \$2.50 still remaining in my account, my daughter Anne Humbert and her two children.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: I think it might be worthwhile at this break to indicate what the plan is for today and tomorrow, if necessary.

I think, as you can readily see from consideration of the agenda, that it simply is not at all possible to finish everything on the agenda this afternoon. It is therefore imperative that there be a session tonight. How late the session will extend I think depends on what progress we make. I hope that we would not have to have a session tomorrow. I am not at all sure that we can finish even by sitting very late tonight. If we cannot, we will sit as late as it is reasonably profitable to do so, and then have a session tomorrow.

There have been committee meetings arranged for tomorrow, particularly a meeting with the legislative liaison group in connection with the schedule of transitional provisions and schedule of legislation, that cannot be postponed, so that if we have a session tomorrow it would probably start at twelve o'clock.

Because of the fact that if we have a schedule tomorrow we certainly would not want to continue it any later than necessary, I would hope that we could continue tonight to a rather late hour in order to get as much behind us as we possibly can, and if there is a prospect of completing the entire agenda, I would propose to sit quite late tonight in order to do so.

Now, we can only tell this as time goes on. I have had notes sent to me at the desk suggesting that the delegates, some at least, would prefer not to have a lunch-hour break which we contemplated for somewhere around two to three. As far as I am personally concerned, this would be fine, except that I am inclined to think it would be unwise. I think if we continue without a break of any kind from twelve until half past six, it is not only very tiresome but apt not to be fruitful. I think a short break in the mid-afternoon would be well worthwhile.

However, if there is any strong feeling for not having that and you would indicate now to me just by a show of hands, we could consider it.

If any feel strongly that we should continue uninterrupted without the usual break for lunch, until 6:30 or so, just indicate by hand.

Delegate Gill.

DELEGATE GILL: I suggest that we break at five for dinner.

THE PRESIDENT: The difficulty about that, Delegate Gill, is that the evening session then becomes just as prolonged, and I do not think that the stamina of anyone is as good in the long haul in the evening as it otherwise would be. I do not think we accomplish anything, really, by having a five-hour session this afternoon and a six or seven-hour session this evening.

How many delegates would prefer not—Delegate James?

DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman, would it be a good idea—we have reached a good breaking point—to break now until 2:30 P.M., and then go until six, break for an hour and a half and come back at 7:30 P.M.?

THE PRESIDENT: I am not sure I followed you.

DELEGATE JAMES: Break at 6:00 P.M. and come back at 7:30 P.M. for a long evening session. I thought we could break now until 2:30 P.M.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we have only been in session a little over an hour. I had planned to break at about two.

DELEGATE JAMES: I am trying to cut the break a little short so we can get in more time. If we come back at 2:30 P.M., we would have more time.