

THE PRESIDENT: How many want to disregard the break in the afternoon completely?

I think there are about a third, which would indicate that something less than two-thirds favor the other way. Let us go on for a little while and see how we do.

Let me take this further opportunity, however, to urge this upon you. I am fully mindful of the fact that this is the time of the year when the last thing in the world any of us wants is to be grinding away on the very tough assignment that we have down here. All of us would certainly like to get a break for two or three days over the New Year's holiday.

I just do not see how it is possible for us to recess until we have concluded consideration of all the second readings this week. It seems to me we would be taking a great deal of chance if we did that. I think we have to move along.

Now, that being the case, and because second readings are so terribly important because it is your last chance to make any changes, I urge all delegates to be present at all sessions today, tonight, and tomorrow, if necessary.

The next amendment that the Chair has under the rule is Amendment T by Delegate Koger.

Do you desire to offer the amendment, Delegate Koger?

DELEGATE KOGER: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Will the pages please distribute Amendment T. This will be Amendment No. 1. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 1 to Committee Recommendations R&P-1 and R&P-2, as amended by Report No. S&D-9 by Delegates Koger, Gallagher, Grant, Moser, Stern, Burgess, Gilchrist, Rollins, J. Clark, Morgan, Freedlander, Fox, Frederick:

On page 1 in the preamble in line 10 after the word "liberty," add these words: "economic opportunity".

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment is submitted by Delegate Koger, seconded by the other sponsors. The Chair recognizes Delegate Koger.

DELEGATE KOGER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, I am asking you to include in the preamble, "economic opportunity", so that it would

read, "To secure their right to life, liberty, economic opportunity, and the pursuit of happiness."

This weekend, I thought of my task of asking this Convention to add to an already completed Preamble this promise of economic security, as an expression of future hopes and aspirations. I thought of the great leadership given this Committee by Delegate Kiefer, and the despair he must have felt when the recommendation was rejected. I thought of the loving and studious care given this Preamble by Delegate Beachley; I thought of all the research and information presented so eloquently by Delegate Mitchell; I, indeed, felt the hopelessness of my task.

As you know, I opposed the recommendation when it was first presented, and I said that we could not enforce the recommendation because it promised a welfare state, and so I disapproved of it. I said it could be a haven for lost hope, lack of industry, and lack of ambition.

Reading late, trying to find some pearl of wisdom to give me courage and inspiration, I ran across these words of Emerson: "There is no defeat except from within. There is really no insurmountable barrier save your own inherent weakness of purpose."

I believe, I sincerely believe, that we cannot mandate security and welfare. America is successful and operates under the capitalistic system. You are taught, and it is true, that if you work hard, learn, practice, are honest, save, initiate, you may grow rich and prosperous. Horatio Alger-like stories inspired me as a child to try to look forward, to dream and persevere. This is the only thing that keeps us going. It is the thing that makes America great, that makes Americans different. We must keep faith in our country and the belief that right will prevail.

We need not fear revolution, as the evolutionary forces work great change in the method and manner of living and obtain the best in man's pursuit of life, liberty, economic opportunity, and happiness. Our age has two forces: capital and labor, and they constitute the main wheels in American machinery. They enjoy success in exact ratio to the extent that both apply the Golden Rule. Capital and labor are essential to each other.

Delegate Mitchell said that the rich are growing richer and the poor poorer; that automation had created a condition like