

It will be a matter of at least three days and probably longer before any committee recommendation can be acted upon.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Does the Chair understand that the administrative assistant to the respective committees is preparing the majority report and will not be able to prepare the minority report until he completes the majority report?

THE PRESIDENT: I would take it that the staff advisor, and not the administrative assistant will be the one preparing the report. We do recognize the problem. In any instance in which a minority is ready to move ahead with consideration of the report and is not able to obtain the assistance of the staff advisor or the administrative assistant, I would ask that you speak to Mr. Brooks, the Chief of Staff, and he will endeavor to the greatest possible extent to assign to you a member of the research staff to assist in preparation of the report.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Is it the Chair's desire to see the majority and minority reports considered by the Committee of the Whole at the same time?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, indeed.

Are there any announcements by committee chairmen?

*(There was no response.)*

Let me say in amplification of that last comment that the whole procedure under which the Committee of the Whole and ultimately the Convention will operate is going to depend a great deal on the cooperation of the delegates in getting their reports, minority and majority, in promptly. Thereafter the task of scheduling is primarily the task of Delegate Powers and his Committee on Calendar and Agenda. They will, to the greatest possible extent so schedule all debates, all matters that are general orders before the Committee of the Whole, that not only will the delegates have both majority and minority reports before them, but they will have had both reports before them for a sufficient time to have read them. This is the reason why it is of the utmost importance that the minority reports come in promptly.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. President, I have a very happy honor of announcing that today is the 43rd wedding anniversary of Delegate Godfrey Child and his lovely wife who is sitting up in the gallery. *(Applause.)* I asked her if she ever con-

sidered divorce. She said, murder, maybe, but divorce, never.

The committee will assemble as soon as possible after this meeting, so that we can greet Judge Child and his wife at the committee room with appropriate greetings. Thereafter, we will continue our hearings on excessive bail bonds with State's Attorney Charles Moylan, Jr. in attendance. Thereafter, we will also hear from Delegate Gallagher who wishes to speak on Proposal No. 401, after which we will continue our discussions on the various matters before the committee extending on into this evening.

Tomorrow we will have hearings on eminent domain. There are nine proposals that have been submitted on this. Proposals 18, part of 18, 28, 119, 124, 136, 151, 197, 249, 303. If anybody who has submitted one of these proposals wishes to speak before the committee and has not already been invited to do so we will be happy to hear from you tomorrow morning. I think arrangements have been made, but I wanted to be sure the door is open.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. President, the Committee on State Finance and Taxation will meet promptly after adjournment of this session to continue its discussions and to take votes on pending matters. Tomorrow at 10:00 A.M. we will reconvene for further discussion on the subject of lottery and budget and other matters pending before the committee and for votes on pending matters.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: Mr. President, I have the honor of announcing today is the birthday of committee member John Hargrove, age unannounced. *(Applause.)* Our committee will convene approximately 15 minutes after the adjournment of this session to continue our deliberations on the matter of selection and tenure of judges. Appropriate greetings will be extended to Delegate Hargrove later in the evening. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Moser.

DELEGATE MOSER: Mr. President, the Committee on Local Government will next meet at 7:00 P.M. this evening to hear from Mayor Thomas F. Conley of Cumberland and from Professor A. L. Fleming of Salisbury State College. I hasten to add, not on the subject of education, but on the subject of municipalities.

There will be subcommittee meetings this afternoon and tomorrow morning and the