

READING CLERK: Resolution No. 27 by the Committee on Rules, Credentials, and Convention Budget, Alfred L. Scanlan, Chairman, a resolution to authorize the president to carry out the post Convention activities of the Constitutional Convention.

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Convention will carry on certain activities after adjournment of the Convention *sine die* as provided in other Resolutions of this Convention and in Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1967, and

WHEREAS, under the Rules of the Convention the President of the Convention is the chief executive officer of the Convention and is responsible for the employment of all persons and firms for Convention activities and for the expenditure of all Convention funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Convention is authorized to employ or enter into contracts on behalf of the Convention with persons and firms for materials and services for the post-convention activities.

THE PRESIDENT: This resolution will not be referred to the Committee because it will be acted upon later in this present session.

The Chair now calls for action on Resolution No. 26 which was read across the desk on December 30, 1967. I understand that you have a copy of this resolution.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Dulany, Chairman of the Committee on Public Information.

DELEGATE DULANY: Mr. President and fellow delegates, the Public Information Committee determined the policy which has been carried out during the course of the Convention and what we feel should be carried on up until May 14. That is the duty we have under the mandate of the General Assembly to inform and disseminate information to the general public so they can make an intelligent and informed choice on May 14.

We are not to take a pro or con attitude on the issues, but merely to inform. We have had many meetings and advised on many policies. We hope that we have been helpful and that the Office of Public Information has been helpful to the delegates. The purpose of the resolution which has been presented to you, Resolution No. 26, are three-fold.

First, the most important function is to carry out the mandate of the legislature

to inform the public of the content of the new Constitution. Secondly, we must wind up the affairs of the Convention in an orderly and businesslike manner. We cannot adjourn *sine die* and walk out and leave things as we are. I am not certain that the legislature would approve of this also. Finally, the legislative leaders have requested that a staff be retained to work with them in conjunction with the legislative program in connection with the new Constitution.

The Attorney General's opinion of December 26 which was placed on your desk, sets forth the authority of this Convention to adopt certain post convention policies and authorizes certain post convention activities. This confirms the authority that we had assumed that we had had.

In the Enabling Act it refers to the necessity to wind up the affairs of the Convention in an orderly and expeditious manner, and it refers to the necessity of having a staff and offices for a public information office as well as winding up the affairs of the Convention.

The Resolution then provides we shall carry out that mandate. It authorizes the President and First and Second Vice-Presidents to continue to represent this body as they have in the past. It provides in the event of any disability of the President, the first Vice-President would serve in his place. It provides for the appointment of a post-convention committee on public information.

In other words, if you recall the Chairman of the Rules Committee's statement at the very inception of this Convention, there was a statement that all committees would die when this Convention would adjourn *sine die*. That is actually the fact insofar as our committee is concerned, and there will be a post-convention public information committee appointed under the terms of this resolution.

The resolution also authorizes the President to appoint such other committees as he deems necessary to wind up the affairs of the Convention. The President is also authorized in a similar fashion, as he is authorized under the rules of the Convention, to secure a staff and offices to continue the affairs of the Convention until the referendum on May 14.

Finally, the President is authorized to request additional monies from the State of Maryland. The Committee on Public Information urges the adoption of this resolution.