

The Chair will recognize Delegate Dulany for the purpose of moving suspension of the rules for immediate consideration.

READING CLERK: Resolution No. 53, by Delegate William B. Dulany, Chairman of the Committee on Public Information:

A RESOLUTION of appreciation to the news media covering the Constitutional Convention.

WHEREAS, the coverage of the Constitutional Convention by the many representatives of the press, radio, and television has presented an excellent and objective picture of the entire Convention and of all its deliberations and debates; and

WHEREAS, the coverage and reporting has made the function of the Public Information Committee a relatively simple one insofar as continuous reporting to the public was concerned; and

WHEREAS, the reporting has been fair, objective and informative, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Public Information Committee and the Constitutional Convention express its gratitude and appreciation to all news media, and particularly to the representatives who have spent many long days and hours fully covering the Convention; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be delivered to the representatives of the press.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: I move that the rules be suspended to allow for immediate adoption of Resolution 53.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: It has been regularly moved and seconded to permit immediate consideration and action on Resolution No. 53. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the suspension. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 118 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative, the rules are suspended.

The question arises on the adoption of Resolution No. 53.

Is there any discussion? Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Resolution No. 53. All in favor, signify by saying Aye; opposed, No.

The Ayes have it unanimously, and it is so ordered.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to announce, first of all, that the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement will meet immediately after the session, on adjournment, at the Maryland Inn, for a dinner and presentation of gifts, et cetera, to our "beloved chairman".

*(Laughter.)*

I would like the ladies and gentlemen of the Convention to join with me in commending Chairman Penniman for the magnificent job he has done under tremendous pressure over the past so many weeks.

I think you all know that the job of the Chairman of the Committee on Style of the Constitutional Convention with a deadline looming before us constantly requires a good nature; it requires tact; it requires diplomacy par excellence; it requires skill; professional judgment; scholarship; and constant attention to the intention of the Committee of the Whole and the committee.

Chairman Penniman met all these, and I ask you to join me in thanking him for his great work and assistance and help.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: One qualification for the Chairman of the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement which Delegate Byrnes did not mention, and which is possessed in abundance by Delegate Penniman, is the ability to remain completely unruffled, despite the insistence of the President every hour on the hour that he get on with the business and "get it back to me immediately."

DELEGATE BYRNES: Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, you might be interested to know that the Committee drafted a letter of commendation to Chairman Penniman and Dr. Phillips, who served so ably. You will be interested to know that we have revised it