

They are accompanied by their Principal, Mrs. Roberts.

We are delighted to have you with us. *(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: May I also say at this time that in keeping with the Convention policy of recognizing the presence in the gallery of groups but not individuals, I would be very happy to have the announcement of the presence of such groups made by the delegate from the district from which the group comes. If the delegate in that situation would, prior to the session, either let me know or let Delegate Powers know, we can then arrange to recognize the delegate immediately after the calendar is adopted so he can make the announcement.

Let me also say at this time that I understand that the very good friend of all of us, the wife of Delegate Tawes, Mrs. Tawes, is in the hospital for a minor operation. I am certain that the entire Convention joins me in extending to Mrs. Tawes our very best wishes.

Delegate Gill.

DELEGATE GILL: I would like to acknowledge the presence of students from the Lamell Junior High School and from Forest Park Senior High School, Fourth and Fifth Districts. *(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Barrick.

DELEGATE BARRICK: We also have in the gallery some students from Frederick County which I would like to acknowledge. *(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: You have on your desk the memorandum from the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget, to which is attached new pages 9 and 12 of that Committee, R&C-12, circulated several days ago.

Will you please make sure that after you have these that they are substituted for the old pages which should be destroyed.

The next item on the calendar is the reports of other standing committees. We have presented today Committee Recommendation No. LB-1, accompanied by Committee Memorandum No. LB-1. The Clerk will read the Committee Recommendation.

READING CLERK: Committee Recommendation No. LB-1, by the Committee on the Legislative Branch, Francis X. Gallagher, Chairman. A recommendation that portions of Article III of the new consti-

tution dealing with the legislative branch provide for a bicameral legislature, single member districts in both the senate and the house of delegates, a limit on the senate of 35 members and a limit on the house of 105 members, a legislative session lasting 90 days, a legislative term of four years, and other legislative matters, to read as follows:

THE PRESIDENT: The Committee Recommendation is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, I rise to move that so much be considered reading of the entire Committee Recommendation.

THE PRESIDENT: We only have to read the title.

If there are no other reports of standing committees, you have circulated and on your desk a memorandum by Delegate Finch, accompanying Delegate Proposal No. 412, another memorandum by Delegate Finch, accompanying Proposal No. 420, and another memorandum by Delegate Finch accompanying Delegate Proposal No. 327.

The next item of business is the introduction and first reading of proposals. This is a red letter day for the Convention, because for the first time I am happy to announce to you there are no delegate proposals to be introduced today.

*(Applause.)*

Are there any motions or resolutions?

I have a few announcements. I think the debate of yesterday demonstrated two things with respect to amendments:

The administrative procedure which has been worked out for the processing of amendments prepared on the floor and processing them quickly so they can get back to your desks in printed form is workable. By actually timing the amendments yesterday it was indicated that short amendments such as we had yesterday could be reproduced and printed and back on the floor in just about 20 minutes after the delegate left the floor with the amendment in mind. However, I think the experience yesterday also indicates the desirability of having amendments to the greatest possible extent prepared in advance. Most of the amendments offered yesterday could have been prepared in advance and would have facilitated the session.