

Branch will meet briefly tomorrow morning at 9:30 A.M. before the Plenary Session at 10:00 A.M.

May I ask the Chair if it will entertain a question when you have finished getting announcements from committee chairmen?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes. Are there any further announcements by committee chairmen? Delegate Boyer?

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. President, the Committee on General Provisions will meet immediately after this Convention adjourns. We will take a break at 6:00 P.M. for dinner for an hour and come back at 7:00 P.M. We will meet again, of course, tomorrow. No. We will not meet tomorrow.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further announcements by committee chairmen? Delegate Gallagher?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, is it the intention of the presiding officer to submit to the Attorney General's Office any questionable adoptions of language which may run into constitutional difficulty, or is it your intention to rely upon the legal ability represented in this Convention with respect to these matters. I refer quite specifically to the action of the Committee of the Whole in adopting the amendment as it may relate to the holding in the Torcaso case.

THE PRESIDENT: The intention of the Chair, based on conversations with the Attorney General, would be not to submit questions like this to the Attorney General for an official opinion, because the opinions would not necessarily resolve the question for the delegates. He would rely upon research by the convention staff, augmented in particular cases by research at our request by the attorney general's office.

This is done deliberately in order to avoid situations where there is an official opinion of the attorney general on a question of interpretation, but at the same time gives us the benefit of the views of the attorney general's office as a matter of research. I shall be glad to ask the Attorney General to furnish us research on this question.

Are there any further announcements? Delegate Vecera?

DELEGATE VECERA: Mr. President, I would like to renew my motion.

THE PRESIDENT: Your motion is out of order at this time. The Chair will recog-

nize you after it recognizes Delegate Powers for the purpose of moving adjournment. I say that because it seems to me that if your purpose is to prevent a session of the Committee of the Whole tomorrow, the only way you can do it is to prevent a session of the Convention. Delegate Powers will move that the Convention adjourn until 10:00 A.M. tomorrow. I will recognize you to speak in opposition to that motion. Delegate Macdonald?

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Mr. President, may I please have the record indicate my presence?

THE PRESIDENT: I will permit all delegates to do that. I am sorry I neglected to do so. Any other delegates present now who were not present at roll call who desire to indicate their presence? If not, the Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

Since there will be discussion of this motion to adjourn, please do not leave your seats at the moment. Delegate Powers?

DELEGATE POWERS: Before I move to adjourn, I would like to say that the Committee on Calendar and Agenda took into consideration the fact of an election tomorrow in Baltimore, and there were several members of the Committee who are from Baltimore who intend to vote tomorrow, and it was concluded that since the plan is to convene at 10:00 A.M., and the polls opened at 7:00 A.M., no delegate would be unduly inconvenienced by having to be here at 10:00 A.M.; so, Mr. President, I move that we adjourn until 10:00 A.M. tomorrow morning.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate Vecera.

DELEGATE VECERA: Mr. President, I would like to renew my motion that the Committee of the Whole not be convened tomorrow.

THE PRESIDENT: I do not think that motion is in order, simply to accomplish your purpose, because if the Convention convenes tomorrow, it can resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole; so the only thing you could do to accomplish your purpose as the Chair sees it, is to oppose the adjournment to 10:00 A.M. tomorrow.

DELEGATE VECERA: Therefore, upon the recommendation of Mr. President, I would move that the Convention not be convened tomorrow, because it would cause