

if we have a blank day tomorrow, it would simply mean that we will be in session one day longer at the end, or be in session on a Saturday. The schedule is very close from this time forward until completion, and in order to attain the objective of finishing the business of the Convention within the time allotted, it will be necessary that we make up for any blank day by sitting on a Saturday. We are already scheduled to sit on two Saturdays. This would mean an additional one.

I might mention also that this has been tentatively set for sometime, because the committee recommendation which I speak of, was offered here a week ago today, on the 30th of October, and those who have been involved with the minority reports will have had eight full calendar days from that time in order to prepare the minority reports. I know nothing about what the reason is, but it certainly is not a lack of time from the time when the committee recommendation was filed. From the standpoint of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda, we are very much opposed to having this blank day. We believe that all of the delegates were dedicating themselves to spending their full time here and not taking a holiday because it affects some portion of us. There are a hundred or so other delegates who are not involved in voting in Baltimore, and we think it would be a hardship to them to have to have an extra day.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Powers, may I inquire what problems, if any, would be involved if the Committee Recommendation LB-1 were deferred from tomorrow until Wednesday and Committee Recommendation S & E-1 were scheduled for tomorrow instead of Wednesday?

I believe there are some minority reports on Committee Recommendation S & E-1 also, but I wanted to ask Delegate Powers if he could indicate whether or not such a switch would be possible or would not be possible.

DELEGATE POWERS: Of course, one thing in connection with the switch would be that it would reduce the time of preparation for the minority who would otherwise be ready to proceed on Wednesday. It would reduce that time much more than the time that has been reduced for those in the Committee on the Legislative Branch to prepare minority reports. I think we would have the same problem with respect to minority reports and in fairness we attempt to take these in the order that the reports are filed, insofar as is feasible, and

it would disrupt the situation, and we probably would not be able to transact other business tomorrow.

THE PRESIDENT: And I believe there are multiple minority reports with respect to committee recommendations?

DELEGATE POWERS: There are a number of minority reports. We have been working on the allocation of time on that, and the minorities have been very diligent and have their reports under preparation so that they will be in the hands of the delegation in time to be considered before we take up the matter.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Clarke?

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: May I ask a question of the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar? Delegate Powers, do not the rules provide for the handling of this situation. In other words, if we convene tomorrow morning at 10:00 A.M. and this body then decides after an hour or two of deliberation that we would like to take an hour or two or three-hour recess, could we not do that in order to get the committee reports back on the floor tomorrow afternoon and resolve the whole thing?

DELEGATE POWERS: If we reach a point, in answer to the delegate's question, that we are considering matters that the delegates have not had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with, there is certainly provision in the rules that we may delay the proceedings and afford such an opportunity. We would contemplate that by the time the general orders had been reached, and in view of the ample opportunity that is afforded the committee chairman as well as representatives of the minority to present without limitation of time and explanation of any amendments, that there would not be such a situation as someone voting out of ignorance, but he would be very familiar with exactly what the situation was.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further comment? Delegate Gallagher?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, I am advised by the members of the staff that it will be at least another hour before the minority reports are ready. However, immediately after that time they can be distributed. That will not take care of those who do not plan to return in the event that we recess before 6:30 P.M., however.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gallagher, may I inquire of you simply for informa-