

of coordinating the work of the various committees to the greatest possible extent. To further this effort at coordination and to keep the Convention operating as smoothly as possible, your officers plan to have brief daily meetings among themselves and, in addition, will meet regularly once a week with the chairmen and vice-chairmen of committees. There will also be meetings of the professional staff at regular intervals. Suggestions from any of you to aid further in coordinating the work of the Convention or of its committees will be gratefully received.

The chairmen of the committees at our meeting week before last agreed to present the draft constitution recommended by the Constitutional Convention Commission as proposals to the Convention. Each article or other appropriate subdivisions of the draft constitution will be submitted as a separate proposal. There are 16 such proposals which are being introduced today by the chairmen of the respective committees at the request of the Constitutional Convention Commission.

On behalf of each chairman, I want to point out that the introduction of a proposal by him does not indicate that he personally either agrees or disagrees with the provisions of the proposal. The introduction by the chairman is merely a means of placing the draft constitution recommended by the Constitutional Convention Commission formally before the Convention.

Each delegate has heretofore received a copy of the interim report of the Constitutional Convention Commission. Each of you should have received this morning a copy of the final report of the Constitutional Convention Commission, Chapters III and IV of which are the same as the interim report which you heretofore received. The remaining four chapters and appendix will, it is hoped, furnish much additional valuable information for the delegates. It is intended that these reports shall be used by you as working documents and whatever number of copies you may desire will be available for you so that you may mark up your present copies in any way you choose. The copy of the report which you received this morning is paperbound, but within the next week or two each delegate will receive an additional copy of the report bound in more durable cloth.

The program which I have outlined cannot be achieved easily. I know of no method or procedure by which our goal can be reached except by patient, persistent and unremitting toil. There is no high speed,

easily traveled freeway available to us but only the winding, twisting, tortuous and narrow road of concentrated effort, at times rutted with despair, beset with curves around which we cannot see too clearly and requiring courage and boldness to travel, but leading us ever onward and upward until we reach the peak of completion when we can see laid out in its entirety, as though a panorama viewed from a mountaintop, a constitution which we can gladly recommend to the people of the State of Maryland, a constitution to which we will all be honored to subscribe our names, and a constitution which will not only be adopted by the people of the State of Maryland, but proudly accepted by them as their basic law for the present and the foreseeable future. I pledge to you my complete dedication to this purpose.

*(Applause.)*

The next item on the agenda is a report of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget. The Chair recognizes Delegate Alfred L. Scanlan, Chairman of that Committee.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. President, we have filed with the Acting Secretary and the Acting Chief Clerk the original of our report. Due to difficulties with the reproduction facilities, quite beyond the control of the Committee, I understand that copies are not yet on the desks of the delegates. I do not know what the pleasure of the Chair would be, but I would suggest that since under the rules, Rule 64 [68]\* specifically, the Committee's recommendations could not be considered by the Convention until two session days had passed, that the matter lay over until the appropriate spot on the agenda on Thursday, at the Thursday meeting of the Convention; that is, if the report is distributed to the delegates before today's session is ended, and if it is not, then I suppose we must lay it over until Friday, but I put this problem to the Chair and would abide by whatever the Convention would like to do. I do not think the Convention would want me to attempt to explain a report that it does not have before it, and for that reason, I think we ought to lay it over, either until Thursday, if they get it today; and if the Delegates do not get it until tomorrow, that the matter be laid over until Friday.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair will receive the report. It will be placed on the

\*The number in brackets refers to the final number assigned to the rule in Rules of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland.