

Secretary and the Chief Clerk and the Parliamentarian and such other officers as the Convention may decide to have. I gather that the President has appointed as Acting Secretary Mr. Martineau, and also has appointed other officers, and I wondered whether it was the Chair's pleasure that the Convention should deal with these matters today and offer an appropriate authorizing or confirming resolution.

THE PRESIDENT: I thought, Delegate Scanlan, that the resolution had been prepared for you to offer. It obviously has not. I would therefore merely announce at this time the action which I have taken and have a resolution in appropriate language in writing presented to the Convention at another session.

I have already announced to you in a memorandum that there was some apparent confusion in the amendment of one of the rules adopted at the session on July 11 so that although the discussion of the amendment indicates that the intent of the Convention was that the President should appoint and fix the compensation of certain officers during the interval from last July until now, the amendment actually only went to the sentence providing that the President should fix the compensation.

There is another rule that might be construed as authorizing the President to appoint the officers. Rather than have any question about it, I wish to announce to the Convention at this time that I have designated as Acting Secretary Mr. Robert J. Martineau.

I have designated as Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Richard Rothenburg. I have designated as Acting Parliamentarian, Mr. David Hattrick. The other employees, the desk officers who have been named, can unquestionably be named by me under the rule. The three that I have mentioned will serve as acting officers in those respective capacities awaiting further pleasure of the Convention.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. President, I apologize if there was a failure of communication between the officers of the Convention and my Committee. My Committee considered the problem you presented to us and were unanimous that you were intended to have the authority to engage officers, and if there was any doubt about it that your choice of the officers should be ratified. We thought we were correctly aware that the resolution was being prepared in other quarters, but I think it would be very unfortunate to put these men to work at this

arduous task as Secretary and Chief Clerk, et cetera, while they are still under the cloud of acting. I think unless there was serious reason why the matter should lay over, I think I can speak for the unanimous Rules Committee when I offer a resolution now that the Convention confirm or ratify the choices for Secretary, Chief Clerk, and is it Parliamentarian?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, Delegate Scanlan, if you will permit me to interrupt you, the same provision exists as to other officers whom I have not yet named. I think it would be preferable, and I do not think it would cause any hardship to have one resolution embracing all of them. We can offer it tomorrow. I do not think the named officers are going to be unhappy for another twenty-four hours.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: As long as they rest easy in their beds tonight, I will wait until tomorrow.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other motions or resolutions? Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I know it is customary when the House and Senate meet, in session, that at the end of the plenary session of both of those sessions that the committee chairmen are required to announce the time of those meetings and inquire of the Chair whether or not it is the intention to have the committee chairmen at this particular time give notice to the members of their various committees as to the time of the full committee meetings.

THE PRESIDENT: I will do so as soon as I have concluded a few announcements, which is the next item on the agenda.

I wish to announce to the Convention that in accordance with the resolution adopted at the meeting on July 11, 1967, I addressed to the President of the United States a cordial invitation to address this Convention, either today or at some later date which would be convenient to him. I also forwarded to him a copy of the resolution adopted by this Convention.

In addition, our two United States senators, Senators Brewster and Tydings, conferred with the President and informed him personally of the invitation of this Convention. The President is unable to address the Convention today. He delayed his response until the very last moment because he hoped to be here. Yesterday, about noon, I received a letter, and an hour later a telephone call from an assistant to the President in the White House, expressing his