

The Chair recognizes Delegate Ralph W. Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the report of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

THE PRESIDENT: Do I hear a second? Any discussion? Are you ready for the question. The question arises on the adoption of the calendar and agenda proposed by the Committee on Calendar and Agenda. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. The calendar is adopted.

Are there any reports of standing committees to be offered at this time?

*(There was no response.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, are there any proposals which have been submitted to you?

THE CHIEF CLERK: No, there are not.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any motions or resolutions? Delegate Scanlan?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. President, I have a resolution to offer.

THE PRESIDENT: Will the pages please distribute the resolution unless it has already been distributed?

The Clerk will read the resolution.

READING CLERK: Resolution No. 1 by Delegate Scanlan, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget, September 13, 1967.

*A RESOLUTION to authorize the President to appoint the Secretary, the Chief Clerk, the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Parliamentarian, the Historian, and other officers.*

BE IT RESOLVED: That the President be and is hereby authorized to appoint the Secretary, the Chief Clerk, the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Parliamentarian, the Historian and such other officers as may be necessary from time to time.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Scanlan?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. President, this is offered to clarify an ambiguity in the present rules. At the July 12 session, Delegate—

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Scanlan, under the rules, the resolution will have to be referred to the Committee unless the rules are suspended for the purpose of discussion of the resolution now.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I move that the rules be suspended to permit the resolution now pending before this Convention to be considered by today's session.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second? *(The motion was duly seconded.)* Is there any discussion? Are you ready for the question? *(Call for the question.)* The question arises on the motion to suspend the rules to permit consideration and discussion of Resolution No. 1 at this session. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered. Delegate Scanlan?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: As I was saying, the resolution now before this body is offered to clarify an ambiguity that arose as a result of an amendment adopted at our organizing session. You will recall the amendment by Delegate Sickles. The Convention approved the authority of the President to engage employees of the Convention and to fix their salaries. It is true that the word, officer, could be assigned a meaning different from the word, employee; but I think the general intent at the time was to permit you to engage officers under the same authority that the Convention had bestowed on you to engage employees, but if there is any doubt about it, let us put it to rest. This resolution would authorize you to engage the Secretary, the Chief Clerk, the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Parliamentarian, and the Historian, and such other officers as may be required in the future, and I move its adoption, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

DELEGATE BURDETTE: Mr. President?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Burdette.

DELEGATE BURDETTE: Mr. President, I should like to ask if this rule, as proposed by the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, does in effect permit the President to create such other officers as may be necessary from time to time; and if that interpretation can be placed upon it, I should think that the rule should be amended to leave the power to create the officer within the Convention. My next question is to ask whether or not in the opinion of the Chairman of the Committee and of the Committee, this rule as here worded would permit the President to fill vacancies in such other offices as the vice-presidency should there become vacancies?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Scanlan?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: My answer to the first question is that there is no inten-