

the application of Rule 64 [68]\* to the consideration of the Report of the Rules Committee today, so this item will be on tomorrow's Calendar. In addition to that I would like to say to the delegates that heretofore our Calendar and Agenda has not been much more than copying the order of business from the rules. From this time forward we propose to make the daily Calendar and Agenda more particularized and insofar as reports of committees, reports of select committees, second and final reading of proposals, unfinished business, special orders of the day and general orders of the day such matters will be placed on the agenda in particular and should be on the desk of each member before the close of business on the previous day, not before the termination of the session but before the business day ends. Of course, the introduction of the first reading of proposals and motions and resolutions will always be an item of business, and the floor will be open for those matters. It is necessary that the committee chairmen as well as individual delegates who have any items that would normally come under the categories which I have mentioned which must be particularized, communicate either through the liaison member of this Committee or with the office of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda, not later than fifteen minutes after the close of the session on any given day so that that matter may be considered for the agenda for the following day.

The daily Calendar and Agenda in the format we have been using is on all desks, and I move its adoption.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second? Any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

The next item of business is the report of other standing committees. I do not believe there are any. If not, we will move on to the next item, introduction and first reading of proposals. Before we do that, I would like to make a comment by way of explanation. In an effort to speed up the process of getting to the delegates copies of the proposals as soon as possible, we have determined to reproduce them, that is, to make the multilith copies before they are actually read across the desk. This will enable you to have them more readily, and

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

normally you will have them on your desks at the time they are first introduced. This poses a slight problem in that it is always possible, of course, that they will be introduced and at the last minute the delegate may decide not to offer. I think we can take care of that situation if it arises.

We are still experimenting with the multilith arrangement, and we find that it poses quite a problem to have the proposals multilithed in the interval between noon and the meeting of the Convention at 2:00 P.M. As is usually the case, most of the proposals come in shortly before noon. We will be able, however, to do this with an additional piece of equipment and a little more manpower. Today we are not able to have on your desks, or have delivered to you, copies of every proposal that will be introduced this afternoon. They may come over during the session. If not, they will be sent to you very promptly.

In connection with this, I failed to announce yesterday that the additional binder that was placed on your desk in the chamber was for your use in keeping copies of proposals referred to your committee. Normally, that binder will be retained by you in your committee room. You will be handed a copy of every proposal that is introduced. That will be put in your binder in the chamber. In addition, you will receive a copy of every proposal that is referred to your committee. That should be in the other binder which you will keep in your committee room.

Delegate Proposal No. 17. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 17, by Delegate Johnson. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that referendum petitions shall be sufficient if signed by a number of qualified voters equal to five per cent of the total number of votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 17 is referred to the Committee on Suffrage and Elections.

Delegate Proposal No. 18. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 18, by Delegate Chabot. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that establishes freedom of speech, press, assembly, and religion; the right to vote; due process and equal protection of the law; just compensation for the taking of property by the State; the rights of accused persons; the right to trial*