

I hope that beginning this afternoon, the daily calendar for the session of the Convention will be distributed the afternoon before. In other words, I hope that before the day is over, we will have on your desk in the committee rooms a copy of the calendar and agenda for tomorrow.

Please keep in mind that the reason for this, and the importance of it, is to enable you to see in advance what is going to be up for consideration at the next session so that you can be prepared for it, prepared to discuss it if that is your desire; but also, and this is very important, so that you will know what action the Committee on Calendar and Agenda proposes to take for the next day and not have to wait until the beginning of the session to learn what it is.

Under the procedure that has been worked out, the report of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda will be practically the first item of business. When Delegate Powers makes his report, and moves that it be adopted, the opportunity is then open to any delegate to move to amend the calendar, either to add or delete any item. This is the device which has been adopted to provide us with a calendar that tells you in advance what is to be done and at the same time leaves the final control of the calendar in the hands of the Convention itself.

In addition, as you are aware, the rules provide that the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda may be recognized at any time. Any proceeding may be interrupted to recognize the Chairman of that Committee. If, during the course of a session, because of some development, you think a matter which has not been scheduled should be considered in any way, it will be simple for you to slip over to the Chairman of the Committee, discuss it with him. If he agrees with you, he can move to amend the calendar right then and there.

If not, then, of course, it would go over to the next day, unless there is a motion to suspend the rules.

Now I think if we become clearly familiar with this procedure, we will accomplish the two objectives of the rule. That is, to have the calendar fixed so that you know ahead of time what is going to happen at any session and at the same time accomplish the purpose of having the Convention and not the officers of the Convention control the calendar.

Now, the second thing I do not think we will be able to accomplish this afternoon,

but I hope to have in operation by Monday, is to have the calendar of committee activities posted every afternoon on a daily basis. This is going to require each committee to plan in advance its schedule at least by noontime so that the copies can be accumulated and put into one calendar, reproduced. These will be posted on bulletin boards but also in addition, there will be a copy of that calendar placed on the desk in the committee room of each delegate.

At the meeting of committee chairmen it was suggested that in order to permit delegates who are interested in speaking for or against a proposal pending in a committee, or testifying on the proposal, to do so with a minimum of interruption of their own committee schedule. Any delegate desiring to testify before another committee should contact both his own chairman and the chairman of the other committee. He does not have to do it personally. The administrative assistant can do it for him. The two chairmen will then arrange a time so that the delegate can be given a priority in testifying before the other committee, and be absent from his own committee a minimum of time.

One other announcement. I am quite sure that everyone noticed the absence of blackeyed Susans on the rostrum at the opening session. I want to assure you that that was by no means an oversight of the Committee, consisting of Delegates Murray, Clark and Rybczynski. They tried manfully to secure an acceptable bouquet of blackeyed Susans. They did procure some, but they decided that their condition was such that it was better not to grace the rostrum with them. That was made known to the officers. As a result, through the efforts of the First Vice-President, we now have the last blackeyed Susans of the season on the rostrum, and they are presented to the Convention with the best wishes of Mr. and Mrs. George Monroe of Howard County, and through the efforts of Vice-President Clark. (*Applause.*)

I have handed to me a memorandum from one of the delegates, raising a question as to treatment for federal income tax purposes, and I suppose Maryland income tax purposes also, of the expense allowance of the delegates, and a suggestion that it would be helpful to make an announcement to all the delegates concerning this because some are under what I am sure is a misapprehension that for income tax purposes they need not report the expense allowance.

In all probability, they will be required to report as income the expense allowance, but