

Heavenly Father, we pray for the prosperity of our State. Give wisdom to those here assembled in Convention to plan its program, to fashion the ideals of her people, to unite us in good will, understanding and brotherhood. Forbid that we be satisfied with half measures, with half-finished tasks, with half won victories.

Let us carry to completion the high endeavors of our hearts. Unto this end we ask Thy blessing and the light of Thy countenance and the joy of Thy presence. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

Have all delegates answered the roll call?

The Clerk will record the roll call.

There being a quorum present, the Convention is in session.

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

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the adoption of today's Calendar.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(Whereupon the motion was duly seconded.)*

All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered. The calendar is adopted.

Are there any reports of other standing committees?

CHIEF CLERK: No, Mr. Chairman.

THE PRESIDENT: There are no proposals. Are there any motions or resolutions?

*(There was no response.)*

Before going into the Committee of the Whole, I want to say to you two things: One, I am delighted to be back here this morning. I feel, after the talks I had yesterday, really at home. I was fortunate in being able to talk to persons who had been directly involved in the New York Convention, the Connecticut Convention, the Kentucky Convention, and the Florida Convention.

I do not think there are any startling situations with respect to any of those conventions that we are not all fairly well aware of, except perhaps the situation in Florida, which is quite different from what I thought it was; and it is quite apparent now that it is most unlikely that there will be any constitutional revisions in Florida this year.

The situation in New York has been pretty accurately reported in the press. I think the chief impression I got from the discussion I had with one of the delegates was that the result of the balloting, while not completely unanticipated, was completely unanticipated as to the lopsided nature of it. It was anticipated that it would be a much closer issue.

It also is quite apparent from the discussions I had that the situation in New York, the resulting balloting was because of the emotional issues, not merely the church-state issue, but other issues having to do with physical policies, welfare and so forth.

At an appropriate time, and I will endeavor to make known to the Convention in a little more detail, some of the suggestions passed on to me and to our Convention through me by the delegate from New York.

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

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the Convention resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the orders of the day.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second, Delegate Powers?

DELEGATE POWERS: Subject to the debate limitations as have been previously imposed.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Powers, I note on the agenda that Debate Schedule 4 is listed for the consideration of Committee Recommendation JB-1, but I do not believe that has been printed as yet; is that correct?

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, that has not as yet been distributed, but I am sure it will be available before we reach that point in the agenda.

THE PRESIDENT: At the present time we will be operating, then, under your motion, without debate schedule, for the consideration of Committee Recommendation GP-3, and under Debate Schedule No. 3 for the consideration of Committee Recommendation LB-1; is that correct?

DELEGATE POWERS: That is right, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second to the motion?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*