

READING CLERK: Amendment to Rule 22 [23]: On page 8 of the mimeographed standing rules of the Constitutional Convention, add at the end of the list of standing committees the following: No. 12, Committee on Public Information.

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment is referred to the Committee on Rules.

Delegate Vecera.

DELEGATE VECERA: Mr. President, members of the Convention, I think, Mr. President, we ought to acknowledge and I move that we propose to acknowledge the illness of Delegate Webster, who has not been with us for the past few days, and that we send our best wishes for his speedy recovery.

THE PRESIDENT: I do not think that that motion requires a second. I will put it to a vote. The motion is that the officers of the Convention send to Delegate Webster our regards and our best wishes for his speedy recovery. All in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. It is so ordered.

Are there any announcements by committee chairmen?

Delegate Boyer?

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. President, do I understand correctly that the Convention will convene at 4:00 P.M. on Monday?

THE PRESIDENT: This has not yet been ordered. Delegate Powers indicated that when he moves adjournment, he will move to adjourn until 4:00 P.M. on Monday.

DELEGATE BOYER: With that understanding then and at the risk of being extremely unpopular, I would like to call the hard working General Provisions Committee meeting, the members, together in our committee room at 2:00 P.M. Monday.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other announcements by committee chairmen? Delegate Gallagher?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, the Committee on the Legislative Branch will meet Monday at 2:00 P.M.

THE PRESIDENT: Any other announcements, Delegate Mudd?

DELEGATE MUDD: Mr. President, the report of the Chairman of the Committee on the Judicial Branch must be brief, because we are meeting at 3:00 P.M. in our room to resume our hearing of this morning so will the delegates please assemble there as

soon as we leave here? Also we are scheduled to meet at 10:00 A.M. on Monday morning, and have a full agenda and calendar for that day, meeting at 10:00 A.M. Monday.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other announcements by committee chairmen? Delegate Moser?

DELEGATE MOSER: Mr. President, on behalf of the Local Government Committee, I would, if I may, take the opportunity to outline the schedule of hearings in a general way for next week. Point 1, there will be no meeting of the committee this afternoon. However, the committee will reconvene at 9:45 A.M.

At 9:45 A.M. the committee will meet on Monday. At 10:00 A.M. we are commencing hearings with representatives of the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland County Commissioners Association. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Ratchford will be there at that time. We also expect, I think, at noon, or approximately that time to hear from Vice-President James. If he would like to put that forward to a later time during the day, this would be fine, but in any event, he expects to appear before the committee.

Next week we are going to devote the hearings to general discussions of state, municipal, county relationships.

Our obvious problem in the field of local government, I think, is that we are unable to segment out particular aspects of this general subject that I just mentioned and have specific hearings at this time on these aspects, and I want to make every delegate well aware that when a county commissioner or representative comes in, he will be talking about everything from state government to regional government to county government to his relationships with his municipalities, with municipalities in his area.

Continuing through that week, and I hope to provide a detailed schedule, we will hear from virtually all, representatives of virtually all of the county governments. Commencing on Friday, the 22nd, we hope to have with us representative mayors. We have sent communications to every county government and to every mayor saying that we are willing to hear from them, but we are also contacting specific mayors to come in on Friday, the 22nd.

We expect the following Monday to hear from representatives of Baltimore City, and we will provide detailed scheduling of who will be there. I mention this now be-