

and to meet this fact, that I adopted that hour; because it is the only means apparently left, by which this Convention can exercise its inherent power practically to maintain its business sessions twice a day.

With that view I offered it and hope it will be adopted. I do not suppose that when this end is achieved, the afternoon session will be continued any longer. When we have accomplished the end in view of keeping a quorum in the city for the evening session, then we will adjourn to the evening session. That is my only object. It is not personal to any member. I have no desire to interfere with the private business of any gentleman.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 30, nays 35—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Belt, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Markey, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Pugh, Russell, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Wooden—30.

*Nays*—Messrs. Audoun, Barron, Bond, Brooks, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Harwood, Hatch, Henkle, Hollyday, Johnson, Jones, of Somerset, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Parker, Parran, Ridgely, Sands, Smith, of Dorchester, Stockbridge, Sykes, Thomas, Valliant, Wickard—35.

So the order was rejected.

Mr. WICKARD submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of this Convention be required to prepare a correct list of the members who have absented themselves from the regular sessions of the Convention, together with the number of times each member has so absented himself.

Mr. SCHLEY submitted the following amendment:

Amend by adding the words: Specifying the times when members absented themselves without leave of the Convention; and also the times at which their absence prevented a quorum for business.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,

The order was laid upon the table.

Mr. McCOMAS submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, That the correspondents of the press having seats on this floor be respectfully requested to publish with their daily proceedings of the Convention, the names of all absentees from the sessions of the Convention, except such as have been excused by the Convention, or have been reported to the Convention as being prevented from attendance by sickness.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. I think that would be imposing upon the gentlemen who represent the press here, a very invidious and a

somewhat onerous duty, to examine the journal every day and see who have had leave of absence. Those gentlemen are employed by the proprietors of newspapers in Baltimore city for the purpose of giving intelligence of general public interest; and I think it ought to be left to their discretion what they shall and shall not publish, without instructions from this body. I do not think it is entirely kind to impose upon them such a duty as is contemplated. This Convention has the power of executing its own will.

The PRESIDENT. It seems that the Convention is without that power.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. I beg pardon of the chair, but I think the Convention has manifested an indisposition to execute the will of some other person than themselves, in the vote they have taken.

The PRESIDENT. They have lost the power of securing a proper attendance here.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. I think they have manifested their indisposition to hold evening sessions during this hot weather. I am willing to devote as many hours per day as may be at all practicable and consistent with the health and proper exercise of the members; but I do think the sense of the Convention is against holding evening sessions, although it has been occasionally attempted. With reference to this particular order, I hope the Convention, out of consideration to the gentlemen who represent the press here, will not adopt it.

Mr. MILLER. I think if we adopt this order, we ought also to make an appropriation to the proprietors of the papers for this species of advertising.

Mr. CHAMBERS. We have no power to punish the reporter if he makes false reports.

Mr. BARRON moved to lay the order upon the table.

Mr. McCOMAS demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 34, nays 31—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Audoun, Barron, Bond, Brooks, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Harwood, Hatch, Hendle, Hollyday, Hopkins, Johnson, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Parran, Ridgely, Sands, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Sykes, Thomas, Valliant—34.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Belt, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopper, Keefer, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Russell, Schley, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Wickard, Wooden—31.

So the order was laid upon the table.

SELLING STOCKS OWNED BY THE STATE.

Mr. RIDGELY gave notice that at the proper