

guished member of the Prince George's County Bar Association, with his very lovely wife, Joseph A. DePaul, Esquire, and his wife, Corrine. Mr. DePaul is also the law partner of Delegate Willoner.

THE PRESIDENT: Delighted to have them.

(Applause.)

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the Convention resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of resuming consideration of the General Orders of the day.

THE PRESIDENT: Second?

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor signify by saying Aye, contrary No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

(Whereupon, at 2:10 P.M. the Convention resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.)

(The mace was removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DECEMBER 2, 1967—2:10 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE CHAIRMAN: The Committee of the Whole will please come to order. Under the General Orders, we have under consideration Committee Recommendation LB-2, and particularly Amendment No. 20.

Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment?

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen: I should like to ask the permission of the Chair under the appropriate rule to allow the Committee on the Legislative Branch to retire to the lounge, if it is clear, to take up the consideration of the amendment before us in the section, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair suggests that you retire to the President's office for a more cloistered consideration. Delegate Gallagher, is this a very brief matter?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Very brief.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Convention will just mark time for a few minutes. Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: Is that only the majority of the Committee?

THE CHAIRMAN: No, the entire Committee.

Delegate Schneider.

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: Mr. Chairman, I rise for personal privilege to say the score is ten to nothing, Navy.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will ring the quorum bell, please.

The Committee of the Whole will please come to order.

Some partisan person who may or may not be a member of the Committee of the Whole has placed on the desk of the Chairman hieroglyphics. I have not the remotest idea what it means but it may mean something to you, so I will read it, as near as I can make out it says, "Navy scored again, 17 to nothing."

The Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher for the purpose of making a statement with respect to section 3.17.

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole: The Committee on the Legislative Branch has met and has considered in detail and, sentence by sentence, the language of section 3.17, titled, Journal and Passage of Bills, and I am directed to say—

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a second.

Delegate Penniman, may I call your attention to this announcement? It will have a bearing on the decisions of the Committee on Style.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I am directed to say that I am in a position to state the interpretation and intention which the Legislative Branch Committee intended shall be made with respect to each of these sentences, which I will now take seriatim.

"Each house of the General Assembly shall keep a current daily journal of its proceedings, which shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times, and a transcript of its debates."

It is the intention of the Committee on the Legislative Branch that this shall be a