

various organizations which have been of assistance to the Convention.

These will be read across the desk by the Clerk, and will be adopted by voice vote unless a roll call is requested.

In addition, immediately following that, I would like to bring in, in groups, and present to you personally, every member of the staff of this Convention. As I call them by groups I will have them come in the rear door and come to the well of the chamber so you may see them and greet them personally.

Following that, it will be necessary for us to consider a number of amendments to the constitution and two schedules.

As I indicated previously, the staff, almost the entire staff has worked very strenuously since adjournment Saturday in order to check in every possible way the accuracy of the third reading copy which was finally acted upon.

I am very pleased to advise you that we have not found even one error of substance. I say that with a little trepidation, because it is almost certain that there will be some errors discovered later on. It is almost impossible to draft a document as complicated as a constitution without having some inaccuracies or inconsistencies. However, about thirty-five members of the staff worked yesterday from about 8:00 A.M. in the morning until 1:00 A.M. this morning checking the draft from the time the Committee of the Whole reports began against the journal, against the President's personal copies used at the desk, against the copies maintained by the administrative assistant, by the President, against the parliamentarian's copy, and against the edited copy of the journal.

In doing this and also in an exhaustive proof reading we have picked up a number of relatively minor errors, none of which would be serious, and none of which would be absolutely imperative for action by this assembly.

In a few instances, a clarification of language is desirable to express more clearly the intent of the Committee. This has come about because in a few instances where changes were made by the Committee on Style and then amendments offered from the floor, amendments which when read against the marked up copy, the blue copy, seemed perfectly all right, now pop out at you when you see the clean copy without any disturbing interference by strikeouts or italicized language.

These will be offered to you. None needs more than half a minute of explanation, and we can offer them. Nonetheless, we have to go through a certain procedure in order to do this and, at the proper time, after the amendments are all completed and printed, Delegate Powers will move to suspend interfering rules to reconsider the vote by which the entire constitution was passed, in order to reconsider the vote by which certain articles were passed, in order to consider specific amendments.

After the amendments have been acted upon, we re-adopt the articles that have been opened up, and re-adopt the entire constitution. This will afford the opportunity to some of the delegates who were unable to be here Saturday and who have asked the Chair if there is not some way in which they can express their approbation of the constitution by participating in the final vote.

As soon as the amendments are printed, they are all now prepared, we will do this; but, in the mean time, I would like to move ahead with the more pleasant parts of the proceeding.

Before I come to that, I have a few other announcements to make. This will be the last session but one. At the moment, the formal copy of the constitution that you will actually sign is in print. As a matter of fact, the galleys were revised last night at a late hour. Corrections are being made. We expect to have a final galley here this afternoon, and after action on these amendments, make the correction in the proof page tonight.

Nevertheless, I am a little apprehensive at scheduling the formal signing for earlier than noon on Wednesday. As you can understand, this formal printed copy will be signed, and must be done not only perfectly from the standpoint of printing, but also appearance. We have to take precautions as to paper. It is a heavy parchment paper, and with the printing, to use an ink that will last for decades, and allowing time for drying, and all of these things, we are just a little apprehensive at shaving the time at all. So the signing ceremony will begin at 12:00 noon on Wednesday.

I do not anticipate that the entire ceremony — and we will have a little ceremony in connection with the signing — will take more than two hours, probably considerably less.

I do not want to hurry any delegates in signing, and I would say even then two hours would be more than ample.