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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
of the
STATE OF TEXAS

FOURTH DAY
(Friday, January 11, 1974)

AFTER RECESS

The Convention met at 10:00 o'clock a.m., pursuant to recess, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following were recorded present: 175 Present, 5 Absent-excused. (Record 1, Appendix)

The Reverend Dr. Ralph M. Smith, Hyde Park Baptist Church of Austin, offered the invocation, as follows:

Our Gracious Heavenly Father:

We pause this day to thank you for the gift of life with all of its thrills, challenges, and opportunities. Help us to be aware that it is in you that we live and move and have our being. Remind us that the Lord gives and the Lord takes away.

Today we pray for every delegate. Guide these dedicated men and women in the tremendous task before them of adopting a new State Constitution. May they be influenced only by God and the doing of that which will benefit to the greatest degree the greatest number of people in our State.

Keep us, oh Father, through this day and bring us to its close in peace. This is our prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Delegate McKnight was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion Delegate Adams of Jasper.

Delegate Cobb was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Delegate Nabers.

Delegate Martin was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Delegate Hightower.

Delegate Wallace was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Delegate Gammage.

(Delegate Newton in the Chair)

Delegate Pentony was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness in the family on motion of Delegate Coleman.

(President in the Chair)

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION 9

Delegate Cole offered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Constitutional Convention of Texas, That the desks assigned to the delegates to the Constitutional Convention of Texas be those presently occupied by the Delegates.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Delegate Bynum the resolution was adopted.

ESCORT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The President announced the appointment of the following Committee to escort The Honorable A. M. Aikin, Jr., Vice-President of the Convention, to the President's rostrum: Creighton, Snelson, Hightower, Harris of Dallas, Murray, Munson, Hale, Caldwell, Weddington, and Schwartz.

ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE A. M. AIKIN, JR.

The Honorable A. M. Aikin, Jr., Vice-President of the Convention and his Party were announced by the Doorkeeper of the Convention and were escorted to the rostrum.

The President then addressed the Convention as follows:

We have designated this fourth day of our proceedings as Vice-President's Day. The occasion for which we have set aside this time only nominally honors the office of the Vice-President of the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1974. Our real tribute is to the man who holds that office — and deservedly so.

No man or woman in this Chamber has inspired the respect, the admiration and, yes, even the envy of his colleagues and constituents as has this man — respect for his integrity, admiration for his ability, and envy for the good that he has accomplished not for a select few, but for every minority and majority in our State.

Although the man we have selected as Vice-President has been deeply, personally, and intimately involved in State government for more than 40 years, he is not a fixture of the Capitol; he is the foundation of it. Tenure alone means only that the electorate is satisfied with a public official's service; the Vice-President of this Convention has never been satisfied with popularity; he has been a worker, a doer, a tireless advocate of the causes in which he has believed.

There are, to be totally candid and frank, few real statesmen among us; but A. M. Aikin, Jr. is one. He shuns demagoguery in favor of reason; when others about him play politics, he displays patience, prudence and competence.

If there are any among us who do not love this man for the beauty of his spirit, for his kindness, for his loyalty, for his counsel and for his wisdom, I have not met him.

Delegate Aikin and I first met when I was a child, using the back hall of this Chamber as a playground...when he was, as he is now, one of the most able and respected

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members of the Legislature. Although my elders at the time knew him to be a gentleman and a lawmaker of the greatest capacity and the highest repute, it was then that I first learned that A. M. Aikin, Jr., was a gentle man.

Only later did I discover that he was largely responsible for my education and that of millions of other Texans, and that he could be credited with the creation, the implementation and the continuation of services and programs of State government which have benefited generations of Texans.

A. M. Aikin, Jr., is one of the most notable builders of Texas. That is why we, his colleagues and friends, saw fit to hang his portrait—and his alone among incumbent legislators—in the Senate Chamber. And that is why today we have moved the portrait to this hall for the duration of the Constitutional Convention.

I welcome the opportunity to serve with Vice-President Aikin. Already his advice and counsel have given me inspiration. He is now and will continue to be my right hand in this Convention.

If I have dwelled too long on what this man, his service to Texas and his assistance to me mean to me, it is only because I am proud that he stands next to me. I am comforted in the knowledge that he will participate in the leadership and procedural decisions that will confront me. And I am happy that he will be an indispensable element in all that you and I will do.

While I have probably expropriated the sentiments and perhaps many of the comments that the President of the Senate had hoped to express, it is most appropriate that the Dean of the Senate and the Vice-President of this historic Convention be formally presented to you and to the people of Texas by the Lieutenant Governor of Texas...The Honorable William P. Hobby, Jr.

Governor Hobby...

The Honorable William P. Hobby, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas then addressed the Convention as follows:

Certainly no one in this Chamber needs to be told that holding public office is a demanding role, sometimes frustrating, sometimes exhilarating.

There are two real sources of satisfaction in public life. One is the kind of satisfaction alluded to by Judge Calvert in his very fine address to this Convention yesterday. That is the kind of satisfaction of knowing that, while we pass this way but once, we have seized the opportunity to do all we could to leave this world a little better place than it might have been but for our efforts.

The other great source of satisfaction is in the personal friendships and associations one is privileged to make. They are perhaps deeper than the ordinary friendships, because they are tested, tempered and fired in the heat of conflict. In public life, there is no doubt that the measure of the character of a man or woman is more quickly, and usually more accurately, taken than is the case elsewhere.

And so it is with the man whom it is my

honor to present to you this morning. Senator Aikin is a man, not only of unparalleled rectitude and integrity, but he is, in the finest sense of that overused term, a gentle man.

In addition to that, he has a rare capacity for friendship. Indeed the privilege of the association with and friendship of A. M. Aikin is one of the highest privileges attendant upon service in the government of Texas.

Delegates, I now present to you your Vice-President, Senator A. M. Aikin, Jr.

The Honorable A. M. Aikin, Jr., Vice-President of the Convention, then addressed the Convention as follows:

Governor Hobby, Mr. President and my colleagues, Delegates to this Convention:

I appreciate more than I have words to express the high honor you gave me in electing me Vice-President of this Convention. I do not have a long speech, but I hope I may express to you some of the things I feel all of us would like to see accomplished.

The people who came to the territory which was to become first the Republic and then the State of Texas were plain people. Their day's work was mostly concerned with survival. They had no time for frills. They did not yearn for days when they would have great wealth.

Our predecessors did not need materialistic goals. They shared a goal more important than those which guide too many of the people today. All they wanted was the chance to live in freedom.

They fought, and many died, to build a democracy for Texas as others had fought and died to build a democratic system of government for a young nation called the United States. To live free, they knew they had to have a democratic government—a government of, by and for the people.

Their wisdom, earned often at great cost, told them that only by directing their government with their own hands and voices could they guarantee their own freedom. When people guide the activities of a government, it cannot impose unwanted shackles upon them.

Once again, the people have exercised their right to direct the activities of their government. A majority of the people of Texas, by a 500,000 vote margin, have called this Constitutional Convention. It was not the brainstorm of public relations professionals. It was not the creation of the political scientists. It was the people who left their homes—went to their voting places—and cast their ballots in favor of this Convention that have caused us to be here today.

It must be obvious to you as it is to me that they did not seek this Convention as a whim or because they wanted to give their legislators busy work to occupy our time between sessions. They called this Convention because they felt our constitution needed some revision, and we shall do our best to comply with their wishes expressed at the polls.

Just as the first Texans were concerned with basic things—I believe we here in the next weeks should devote ourselves to

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1974

YEA N-V NAY

● Mr. President
● Adams, D.
● Adams, H.
● Agnich
● Aikin
● Allen, Joe
● Allen, John
● Allred
● Andujar
● Atwell
● Bailey
● Baker
● Bales
● Barnhart
● Bigham
● Bird
● Blake
● Blanchard
● Blythe
● Bock
● Boone
● Bowers
● Braecklein
● Brooks
● Bynum
● Caldwell
● Calhoun
● Canales
● Cates
● Clark
● Clayton
● Clower
● Cobb
● Cole
● Coleman
● Coody
● Cooke
● Craddock
● Creighton
● Daniel
● Davis
● Denson
● Denton
● Doggett
● Donaldson
● Doran

X

YEA N-V NAY

● Doyle
● Dramberger
● Earle
● Edwards
● Evans
● Finnell
● Finney
● Foreman
● Fox
● Gammon
● Garcia
● Gaston
● Geiger
● Grant
● Green, F.
● Green, R.
● Hale
● Hall, A.
● Hall, W.
● Hanna
● Harrington
● Harris, E.
● Harris, O.
● Head
● Heatly
● Henderson
● Hendricks
● Hernandez
● Hightower
● Hilliard
● Hoestenbach
● Hollowell
● Howard
● Hubenak
● Hudson
● Hutchison
● Johnson
● Jones, Gene
● Jones, Grant
● Jones, L.
● Kaster
● Karioth
● Kothmann
● Kubiak
● Laney
● Lary

YEA N-V NAY

● Lee
● Leland
● Lewis
● Lombardino
● Longoria
● McAlister
● McDonald, F.
● McDonald, T.
● McKinnon
● McKnight
● Madla
● Maloney
● Martin
● Massey
● Mattox
● Mauzy
● Meier
● Menefee
● Mengder
● Miller
● Montoya
● Moore
● Munson
● Murray
● Nabers
● Newton
● Nichols
● Nowlin
● Nugent
● Ogg
● Olson
● Parker, C.
● Parker, W.
● Patman
● Pentony
● Peveto
● Poerner
● Poff
● Powers
● Presnal
● Preston
● Ragsdale
● Reyes
● Reynolds
● Rodriguez
● Rosson

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YEA N-V NAY

● Russell
● Sage
● Salem
● Sanchez
● Santiestejan
● Schieffer
● Schwartz
● Scoggins
● Semos
● Sherman, M.
● Sherman, W.
● Short
● Simmons
● Slack
● Snelson
● Spurlock
● Sullivant
● Sutton
● Tarbox
● Temple
● Thompson
● Traeger
● Truan
● Tupper
● Uher
● Vale
● Vecchio
● Vick
● Von Dohlen
● Wallace
● Washington
● Waters
● Watson
● Weddington
● Whitehead
● Whitmire
● Wieting
● Williams
● Williamson
● Willis
● Wilson
● Wolff
● Wyatt

X

X-EXCUSED ABSENCE

RECORD # 1 ROLL CALL

YEA - 175

TOTALS NAY - 0

NV - 5

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● FEB 3
● MAR 1
● APR 2
● MAY 3
● JUN 4
● JUL 5
● AUG 6
● SEP 7
● OCT 8
● NOV 9
● DEC 0

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YEA N-V NAY

Mr. Pres. Jent
Adams, D.
Adams, H.
Agnich
Aikin
Allen, Joe
Allen, John
Allred
Andujar
Atwell
Bailey
Baker
Bales
Barnhart
Bigham
Bird
Blake
Blanchard
Blythe
Bock
Boone
Bowers
Braecklein
Brooks
Bynum
Caldwell
Calhoun
Canales
Cates
Clark
Clayton
Clower
Cobb
Cole
Coleman
Coody
Cooke
Craddock
Creighton
Daniel
Davis
Denson
Denton
Doggett
Donaldson
Doran

YEA N-V NAY

Doyle
Dramberger
Earle
Edwards
Evans
Finnell
Finney
Foreman
Fox
Gammage
Garcia
Gaston
Geiger
Grant
Green, F.
Green, R.
Hale
Hall, A.
Hall, W.
Hanna
Harrington
Harris, E.
Harris, O.
Head
Heatly
Henderson
Hendricks
Hernandez
Hightower
Hilliard
Hoestenbach
Hollowell
Howard
Hubenak
Hudson
Hutchison
Johnson
Jones, Gene
Jones, Grant
Jones, L.
Kaster
Karioth
Kothmann
Kubiak
Laney
Lary

YEA N-V NAY

Lee
Leland
Lewis
Lombardino
Longoria
McAlister
McDonald, F.
McDonald, T.
McKinnon
McKnight
Madla
Maloney
Martin
Massey
Mattox
Mauzy
Meier
Menefee
Mengden
Miller
Montoya
Moore
Munson
Murray
Nabers
Newton
Nichols
Nowlin
Nugent
Ogg
Olson
Parker, C.
Parker, W.
Patman
Pentony
Peveto
Poerner
Poff
Powers
Presnal
Preston
Ragsdale
Reyes
Reynolds
Rodriguez
Rosson

YEA N-V NAY

Russell
Sage
Salem
Sanchez
Santiesteban
Schieffer
Schwartz
Scoggins
Semos
Sherman, M.
Sherman, W.
Short
Simmons
Slack
Snelson
Spurlock
Sullivan
Sutton
Tarbox
Temple
Thompson
Traeger
Truan
Tupper
Uher
Vale
Vecchio
Vick
Von Dohlen
Wallace
Washington
Waters
Watson
Weddington
Whitehead
Whitmire
Wieting
Williams
Williamson
Willis
Wilson
Wolff
Wyatt

X-Absent Excused

Record #2 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

YEA-153 TOTALS NAY-10 NV-17

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Johnson, Eddie Bernice, Vice-Chairman. Dallas
Allred, Dave.....Wichita
McAlister, R. B.....Lubbock
Vick, Larry A.....Harris

RECESS

On motion of Delegate Hollowell the Convention at 11:03 o'clock a.m. took recess until 1:00 o'clock p.m. today.

AFTER RECESS

The President called the Convention to order at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Delegate Hollowell was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today on account of important business on motion of Delegate Hanna.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED

Delegate Nugent moved, pursuant to Rule VI, Section 2, the confirmation of the President's appointments of chairmen, vice-chairmen and other members to all substantive and procedural committees.

Question on the motion to confirm, "Yeas" and "Nays" were demanded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: 153 Yeas, 10 Nays, 17 Not voting. (Record 2, Appendix)

On motion of Delegate Nugent and by unanimous consent, the vote by which the appointments to committees were confirmed, was reconsidered and tabled.

CHANGE OF VOTE

On motion of Delegate Heatly and by unanimous consent, his vote on Record 6 of January 10 will be changed from "Nay" to "Yea".

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PROPOSAL 1 ORDERED NOT PRINTED

On motion of Delegate Sherman of Tarrant and by unanimous consent, Rule XIV, Section 7 was suspended, and C.C.P. 1 was ordered not printed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Delegate Aikin the Convention at 1:34 o'clock p.m. adjourned until 1:00 o'clock p.m. Monday.

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Korloth, Al.....Dallas
Kothmann, Glenn.....Bexar
Lewis, Gibson (Gib).....Tarrant
Lombardino, Frank.....Bexar
Longoria, Raul L.....Hidalgo
Moore, William T. (Bill).....Brazos
Reynolds, Richard F. (Dick).....Dallas
Sage, Joseph F.....Bexar
Sanchez, Henry.....Cameron
Wieting, Leroy J.....San Patricio
Williams, Lindon.....Harris
Williamson, Billy H.....Smith
Wilson, John.....Fayette

COMMITTEE ON THE EXECUTIVE

21 Members

| <u>Delegate</u> | <u>County</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Meier, Bill, Chairman..... | Tarrant |
| Vecchio, Jim, Vice-Chairman..... | Dallas |
| Adams, Herman..... | Hardin |
| Bock, Bennie, II..... | Comal |
| Cates, Phil..... | Gray |
| Cobb, L. Dean..... | Moore |
| Craddick, Tom..... | Midland |
| Finney, David..... | Tarrant |
| Gaston, Frank..... | Dallas |
| Howard, Ed..... | Bowie |
| Johnson, Eddie Bernice..... | Dallas |
| Laney, James E. (Pete)..... | Hale |
| Montoya, Greg..... | Hidalgo |
| McKinnon, Mike..... | Nueces |
| Schieffer, Tom..... | Tarrant |
| Semos, Chris V..... | Dallas |
| Sherman, Max..... | Potter |
| Sutton, G. J..... | Bexar |
| Von Dohlen, Tim..... | Goliad |
| Whitmire, John..... | Harris |
| Wyatt, Joe, Jr..... | Victoria |

COMMITTEE ON RIGHTS AND SUFFRAGE

21 MEMBERS

| <u>Delegate</u> | <u>County</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Schwartz, A. R. (Babe), Chairman... | Galveston |
| Nowlin, James R., Vice-Chairman..... | Bexar |
| Andujar, Betty..... | Tarrant |
| Bailey, Kay..... | Harris |
| Bigham, John R..... | Bell |
| Canales, Terry..... | Jim Wells |
| Cole, James..... | Hunt |
| Green, Forrest..... | Navarro |
| Harris, Ed..... | Galveston |
| Lee, Doyce R..... | Morris |
| Leland, Mickey..... | Harris |
| McKnight, Peyton..... | Smith |
| Miller, Chris..... | Tarrant |
| Newton, Jon P..... | Bee |
| Nichols, R. C. (Nick)..... | Harris |
| Simmons, Wayland..... | Bexar |
| Slack, Richard C..... | Reeves |
| Uher, D. R. (Tom)..... | Matagorda |
| Vick, Larry A..... | Harris |
| Watson, Ed R..... | Harris |
| (new Dallas member) | |

COMMITTEE ON RULES

11 MEMBERS

| <u>Delegate</u> | <u>County</u> |
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| Garcia, Matt, Chairman..... | Bexar |
| Geiger, Richard S., Vice-Chairman..... | Dallas |
| Adams, Don..... | Jasper |
| Bales, Larry..... | Travis |
| Bigham, John R..... | Bell |
| Clark, Jim..... | Harris |
| Head, Fred..... | Henderson |
| Lary, Camm, Jr..... | Burnet |
| Mattox, Jim..... | Dallas |
| Mengden, Walter H., Jr..... | Harris |
| Nabers, Lynn..... | Brown |

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

11 MEMBERS

| <u>Delegate</u> | <u>County</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Hightower, Jack, Chairman..... | Wilbarger |
| Allen, Joe, Vice-Chairman..... | Harris |
| Bailey, Kay..... | Harris |
| Cole, James..... | Hunt |
| Hall, W. N. (Billy), Jr..... | Webb |
| Hilliard, Bill..... | Tarrant |
| Hollowell, Bill..... | Van Zandt |
| Longoria, Raul L..... | Hidalgo |
| Semos, Chris V..... | Dallas |
| Temple, Arthur (Buddy)..... | Angelina |
| Williams, Lindon..... | Harris |

COMMITTEE ON SUBMISSION AND TRANSITION

15 MEMBERS

| <u>Delegate</u> | <u>County</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Wolff, Nelson W., Chairman..... | Bexar |
| Jones, Gene, Vice-Chairman..... | Harris |
| Bird, Ronald C..... | Bexar |
| Bynum, Ben..... | Potter |
| Clower, Ron..... | Dallas |
| Doran, Hilary B., Jr..... | Val Verde |
| Hutchison, Ray..... | Dallas |
| Massey, Tom..... | Tom Green |
| Menefee, Hawkins..... | Harris |
| Munson, Ben..... | Grayson |
| Parker, Carl..... | Jefferson |
| Preston, George L..... | Lamar |
| Snelson, W. E. (Pete)..... | Midland |
| Vale, R. L. (Bob)..... | Bexar |
| Wyatt, Joe, Jr..... | Victoria |

COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

9 MEMBERS

| <u>Delegate</u> | <u>County</u> |
|--|---------------|
| Sherman, Max, Chairman..... | Potter |
| Von Dohlen, Tim, Vice-Chairman, (Executive) | |
| | Goliad |
| Andujar, Betty, (Rights and Suffrage) | Tarrant |
| Coody, W. G. (Bill), (Education)..... | Parker |
| Doggett, Lloyd, (General Provisions)..... | Travis |
| Grant, Ben Z., (Judiciary)..... | Harrison |
| Kaster, James J., Jr., (Local Government)..... | El Paso |
| | Kerr |
| Nugent, Jim, (Finance)..... | Tarrant |
| Sherman, W. C. (Bud), (Legislature)..... | |

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

5 MEMBERS

| <u>Delegate</u> | <u>County</u> |
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| Powers, Pike, Chairman..... | Jefferson |

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considering the simple principles and basic structures of our government.

We have a mandate from the people. We must rewrite our Constitution. Each of us has, I would expect, his own interpretation of why the people want a new constitution. I think they recognize the difficulty which this government, already functioning in extraordinary times, must face by virtue of a constitution designed for another century.

The people want good government. Those of us currently serving in this state government have, I hope, accomplished a good deal toward this end. I think the people understand that by calling this Convention, they are enabling us to revise our basic document, the organic law, so that we have even greater ability to insure the best of government to the people of Texas.

I sincerely feel that a very high percentage of our people want the best government we can have, and I also believe the Delegates to this Convention sincerely want to see the best document we can write produced by this Convention...one that we can support and recommend to our people for adoption.

It is my sincere hope that we can disagree without being disagreeable.

It is my sincere hope that we will be patient with our colleagues who may not see something exactly as we do.

I hope that we will show our colleagues the same courtesy and respect that we want for ourselves.

It is easy to sit on the sidelines and complain and fuss about things, but it is something else to be a constructive, even though critical, worker to make things better, or to make our colleagues know we mean to do the right thing as we see it.

It is good to discuss issues regardless of how controversial they may be, but let us always remember our colleague has a right to his or her opinion.

There are some of the recommendations of the Revision Commission that I feel are too far reaching; there are some provisions of the present Constitution which they have omitted that I feel should be retained and in some instances strengthened, but I think that the Commission on the whole did a fine job and the document they presented is a vehicle with which we can work, and I am appreciative of the work done by the Commission and congratulate them on a fine job.

Please let me say a word about you, my colleagues. I have been a member of this legislature since January 1933, and am now beginning my 42nd year.

Some of the finest men and women I have ever known, I have met and served with here in this House and Senate. Some of the finest people I have ever met have been right here in Austin. I sincerely believe that it is possible for us to come up with a document that will meet with the approval of our people. If we have a disagreement, let us sit down around a committee table and resolve our differences, keeping in mind that we are all trying to do the same thing--write a Constitution that our people will approve, and that a majority of this Convention can recommend.

Please let me mention the committees

which I saw yesterday afternoon and last night until almost midnight. I sincerely feel that every effort has been made to balance the committees so that all views will be represented in each committee. More than 140 of the 181 members got their first choice as requested on the card sent out by the committee.

I do not know the English language well enough to really express to you how deeply I appreciate the high honor you have given me, and I shall just say to each of you--I am indeed very humble and most grateful and will do my best to serve to the best of my ability.

At the conclusion of the address by the Vice-President, the President presented him with the gavel which had been used on yesterday during his election as Vice-President, and a copy of C.C.R. 8, providing for today's ceremonies.

AT EASE

The President announced at 10:47 o'clock a.m., the Convention would Stand at Ease pending the departure of the distinguished guests.

IN SESSION

The President called the Convention to order at 10:52 o'clock a.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Delegate Blythe was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today on account of important business on motion of Delegate Barnhart.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT MOTION

Delegate Hale asked unanimous consent that the Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk be, and is hereby, authorized to make the following correction in Constitutional Convention Resolution 4:

On page 44, Rule XII, Section 9, strike the figure "20" and substitute therefor the figure "19."

There being no objection, the motion prevailed.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The President announced the appointment of the following committees of the Convention:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

25 MEMBERS

| <u>Delegate</u> | <u>County</u> |
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| Caldwell, Neil, Chairman..... | Brazoria |
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