

to hold it until he telephoned to me to tell me his final decision. He has decided that the conflict between his position as Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations and his position as delegate to this Convention is such that he should tender his resignation as a delegate to this Convention. He told me that his resignation would be placed in the mail today and should be received tomorrow. As soon as it is received, I will present it to the Convention.

In the meantime, I will ask the Reading Clerk to read the letter from Delegate O'Connor.

READING CLERK:

*"When the appointment as one of the United States representatives to the United Nations General Assembly was first announced by President Johnson, I hoped it might be possible to continue to work on the writing of Maryland's next Constitution. Observing the caliber of the delegates and staff in Annapolis, the objective, thorough and earnest approach being taken by all and knowing that the maintenance of the dual system of government we cherish depends upon strong state government, I waited to see if actual experience substantiated my opinion it might not be possible to do both jobs."*

*"Now, having participated in the first week of each undertaking and having been delegated the responsibility for the presentation of this country's position on ten specific items as well as coordinate involvement in two of the most pressing issues, I have reluctantly decided to tender my resignation in Annapolis. To give less than the same full measure of dedicated effort that is being given by you and your colleagues would be to shortchange the people of Maryland."*

*"I am confident that the basic wisdom of the general public will cause it to realize and appreciate the magnificent service you are all performing."*

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

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. President, the Committee on Suffrage and Elections will meet immediately after the adjournment of this session to hold a hearing particularly in reference to the applicability of constitutional provisions to the municipal election. Tomorrow morning at 9:30 A.M. in

the Baltimore City delegation room of the Shaw House there will be a public hearing on referendum recall.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Mudd?

DELEGATE MUDD: Mr. President, the Committee on the Judicial Branch will meet immediately following this session in the usual room, of this building. Also I would like to announce that the Committee on Judicial Branch will tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 P.M. have a hearing on Delegate Proposal No. 81, introduced by Delegates Scanlan and Bamberger.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Morgan?

DELEGATE MORGAN: Mr. President, the Committee on the Executive Branch will meet tomorrow morning at 10:00 A.M. We will hear at that time former Senator George Radcliffe, and we will also hear from Mr. John Donaho and Mr. Charles E. Moylan, Jr., State's Attorney, Baltimore City.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. President, the Committee on State Finance and Taxation will hear tomorrow morning at 10:00 A.M. from Delegate William Gullett on Proposal No. 77 dealing with retroactivity of income tax. At 10:30 A.M., Mr. James Rennie, former Director of the Budget of Maryland, will appear before the committee. There will be an announcement published where all of you will see it but I would like to call the Convention's attention to this particular hearing. It involves six proposals which have been introduced; all of them deal with the state income tax in one form or another. They are Proposals 49, 72, 77, and 134, 160, and 103. All of them are set for hearing before our committee on Tuesday, October 3, at 10:00 A.M. At that time we have invited Dr. Paul Cooper, Director of the Fiscal Research Bureau, Mr. Benjamin Marsh, Chief of the Income Tax Division and the sponsors of these proposals to appear before the committee. If additional time is needed, additional dates will be set.

This will be placed on the bulletin board through the information office so you will then be able to become aware of the numbers of the proposals and a very short statement indicating just what part of the income tax law they refer to. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Moser?

DELEGATE MOSER: Mr. President, the Committee on Local Government will reconvene this afternoon, 20 minutes after