

Senator Victor Atiyeh - 709

MINUTES OF THE OREGON REPUBLICAN DELEGATION MEETING  
KENILWORTH HOTEL  
AUGUST 5, 1968

The meeting of the Oregon delegation to the Republican National Convention was called to order at 7:30 A.M. by the Honorable Mark O. Hatfield, Chairman. Mr. George "Bun" Stadelman led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the invocation was given by the Honorable John Dellenback.

Senator Hatfield explained the seating arrangements in Convention Hall for both the delegates and alternates and requested that they check the charts on seating which would be available following the meeting.

The Honorable Wendell Wyatt moved that the reading of the minutes be suspended and they be accepted as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Congressman Dellenback had suggested that Oregon delegates be provided with a badge to distinguish them, and at this time Senator Hatfield asked him to distribute the Myrtlewood elephants to the delegates and alternates. The note pads in the shape of Oregon were provided by Bob Ricketts of Agency-Lithograph in Portland.

Senator Hatfield suggested that invitations, etc., of a general nature be posted in the Oregon hospitality room.

Mr. Stadelman distributed the tickets to the delegates and alternates and their spouses.

The Honorable Clay Myers explained the Oregon law regarding delegates' obligations. In answer to a question about demonstrations, Senator Hatfield explained that it is between each individual and his conscience as to whether he participates in demonstrations other than for Richard Nixon, to whom the delegation is committed for the first two ballots. However, Senator Hatfield emphasized that as long as the delegation is committed to Mr. Nixon it would be completely out of order for the Oregon standard to be used for any demonstrations other than those for Nixon, and he stated he intends to guard the standard carefully.

Mr. Irving Enna, State Chairman, expressed his appreciation for the help of several individuals who have borne the major expense for the Oregon hospitality room--Messrs. Heider, Scott, Miller, and Pierce.

Former Secretary of State Howell Appling announced that at 9:30 tomorrow morning (Tuesday) Mr. Nixon has invited the Oregon delegation to meet with him in the Hilton-Plaza Hotel, at which time he will speak to those who care to attend, and can answer any questions they may have. Unfortunately it will not be possible to accommodate spouses of delegates.

Senator Hatfield explained that Governor Reagan would like to visit jointly with the Oregon and the Washington delegations. The meeting was postponed from the original time, and it is thought to be scheduled now for 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday in the Regency Room at the Deauville Hotel. This time and place will be confirmed and such confirmation either posted in the hospitality room or conveyed on the bus.

Senator Hatfield asked for the views of the delegates as to whether or not they wanted to plan other breakfasts similar to this one, or would prefer to play it by ear, depending on communication in the hospitality room, Convention Hall, and the bus for additional information. The consensus of opinion was that it would be best to play it by ear and schedule another meeting if and when needed.

Congressman Wyatt emphasized the importance of unity throughout the Oregon delegation. He will be working with the Nixon organization on the floor of the Convention and would greatly appreciate any assistance the delegates could give. He feels that there is a good chance that Oregon will have a very significant honor before the week is up, and he again emphasized the importance of unity.

It was requested that guest tickets that are not going to be used be turned in to Mrs. Dorothea Moore so that someone else can use them, as we do not want to have vacant seats.

Senator Hatfield mentioned the fine work that Mrs. Moore has rendered to Oregon party delegations and suggested that anyone who wished to might contribute toward an appropriate plaque or other gift in recognition of all she has done.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 A.M.

Marv Root, Secretary