

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT - REGULAR MEETING
NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, N.S.D.A.R.

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Mrs. Henry M. Robert, Jr., President General
Mrs. John S. Heaume, Recording Secretary General

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The President General, Mrs. Robert, read her report.

(See report incorporated in the minutes)

Mrs. Robert: My report is not quite finished. A matter has come up -- I think we will ask to have the doors closed-- I think it would be wise because of certain conditions. Something has arisen which I feel I must ask your indulgence. We had other plans, but this morning conditions have changed somewhat, and if there be no objection the balance of this report will be delayed until a later moment. We must take up a question which had to come at this time because those most concerned could not be here later in the day. The question which we are about to take up is a very serious problem. The Chair will entertain a motion to the effect that the regular order of business be suspended in order to take up a question of an emergency measure at this time.

Mrs. Sinclair of Virginia: I make that motion. That the regular order of business be suspended in order to take up special business. Seconded by Mrs. Schermerhorn. Carried.

The President General: We will first hear the recommendation from the Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary General, Mrs. Heaume: By direction of the Executive Committee, I move the adoption of the following recommendation: That the rules governing contracts for the use of Constitution Hall be continued.

The Registrar General, Mrs. Nason: I move That we go into executive session. Seconded by Mrs. Schermerhorn. Carried.

The Registrar General, Mrs. Nason: I move That we come out of executive session. Seconded by Mrs. Latimer. Carried.

The Recording Secretary General, Mrs. Heaume: I move the adoption of recommendation No. 1 of the Executive Committee; That the rules governing contracts for the use of Constitution Hall be continued. Seconded by Mrs. Belk.

The Registrar General: So there will be no question. We have a slip of paper and I suggest that you fold it once and you fold it again. Before we vote we will count the number of people in the room. You are not compelled to vote but I think most of you will do so. Now also I will ask what is your pleasure in this matter. The President General when you vote by ballot has a right to vote with you. If you think it would be better that she does not vote with you-- I am quite willing to vote-- the only thing is should there be a tie - and of course I could refuse to vote if I cared to.

Miss Street of Conn: I think we would like to claim you as a member of the board.

The President General: Very well I will vote with you. Now the motion is that the rules governing contracts for the use of Constitution Hall be continued. If you vote "Yes" it means they will be continued and it means you will receive lots of letters-- letters such as we have been receiving, that we read you this morning; and if you vote "No" it means that the clause is removed, the restrictions removed with the results Mr. Hand spoke of.

Miss Street of Conn: It occurs to me-- I wonder if the word "continued" might be changed to "maintained."

The President General: The rule says contracts be continued? Mrs Heaume says "continued." How many prefer "maintained" and how many "continued." (Hands up-- "continued") If you vote "Yes" it means that the rules will be continued and if you vote "No" they will be discontinued. Will you please rise and be counted. (Count made) 41 present. May I say in order to be perfectly sure, we will have tellers from the four corners of the country-- Mrs. Hightower of Georgia-- we have a vice regent here-- Mrs. Chiles of Missouri will be one, and one from Maine, Mrs. Binford - we will ask these three to count the votes. I wonder if while they are counting-- I wonder if we may have an announcement-- I have to ask you this because of this more or less emergency question if we may shorten our luncheon period by one-quarter hour and try and be back here just as near 2 o'clock as we can. Mrs. Sinclair will you come here and give your announcement now about the plans for tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Sinclair of Va: I have cars for every one who wishes to go to Kenmore-- there are sufficient for every member who wants to go to Kenmore-- the cars will be here 9.30 at the D street entrance. I have telephone word from Mrs. Smith of Kenmore that she wants us to come there about 11.45. to go directly to the Mary Ball Washington monument and place a wreath, and then to Kenmore where you will be received by the Kenmore ladies at 12.45.

The President General: 9.30 tomorrow morning on the D street side.