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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATEHOOD CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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Friday, May 7, 1982

Washington, D.C.

The plenary session of the Convention was convened at 6:30 p.m., in the Convention Hall, 10th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., Mr. Charles I, Cassell, presiding.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I call the convention to order.

May we have our moment of meditation, please.

(A moment of silence.)

Mr. Secretary, please read the roll.

(Whereupon, the Secretary conducted roll call.)

SECRETARY COOPER: There are 21 delegates that answered.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There are 21 delegates. We do not have a quorum. I am certain there are two more people in the house.

Would someone be good enough to try to get us two people so that we can begin?

We are now ready to vote on the adoption of Section 4. If we can get ourselves a quorum, we could go ahead and finish with that.

We now have a quorum, and add to the rolls those people who have come in since we held the roll last. There being a quorum, we are now in session.

I have a couple of announcements to make, Delegates. The last two meetings we have been requested to conclude our meetings at 10:00 o'clock, inasmuch as the city government is no longer paying the difference between 10:00 o'clock and 11:00 o'clock, nor are they paying the difference between 2:00