

MR. BLOUNT: Yes, and the following are the committee assignments: Rights and Preamble, James Baldwin; Judiciary, William Blount; Legislative, James Terrell; Executive, Sandra Johnson; Finance and Tax, David Barnes. The second group: Education, James Baldwin; Local Government, William Blount; Health, Housing, et cetera, James Terrell; Economic Development, David Barnes; Suffrage, et cetera, Sandra Johnson.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Ward 8?

MR. JORDAN: Yes, Mr. President. I rise to speak for those of us who live east of the river in that part of the city blessed by the Lord, who believe in and support the principles of collective leadership.

MR. BARNES: Amen, Brother.

MR. JORDAN: For the Preamble and Rights Committee, we have --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me ask the same question. Have the five of you come to an agreement?

MR. JORDAN: Mr. President, I just said we believe in collective leadership, and I think that our ward is a demonstrated example of unity and working together.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I appreciate the implication. The Chair wanted specificity. Thank you.

MR. JORDAN: Well, I thought I was specific when I said collective leadership.

For Preamble and Bill of Rights, Jordan; for the Judiciary, Paramore; for Legislative, Jones; for Executive, Lockridge; and for Finance and Taxation, the Right Reverend James E. Coates.

MR. COATES: Blessed by the Lord.

(Laughter.)

MR. JORDAN: For Local Government, Jordan; for Education, Lockridge; for Health, Paramore; for Economic Development, Coates; and for Suffrage, Jones.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Ward 9, the at-large delegates; who speaks for that ward?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I say, delegate Simmons, do you speak for Ward 9?

MS. SIMMONS: No. Our chair is --

MS. H. MASON: I'm not.

MR. KAMENY: Well, one of you get up.

MS. SIMMONS: For Preamble and Rights, Jerry Moore; Judiciary, Dave Clark; Legislative, Hilda Mason; Executive, Barbara Lett Simmons; Finance and Taxation, Charles Cassell; Local Government, Intergovernmental Relations, et cetera,