
In the News

Gov. ROBERT S. KERR, '16, delivered the keynote address at the Massachusetts State Democratic Convention in Boston on September 23. Noted throughout Democratic ranks for his oratorical skill, Governor Kerr during the summer has keynoted several state conventions in addition to the national convention in Chicago.

The Oklahoma governor was asked by National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan to address the Bay State gathering. Mr. Hannegan said the Massachusetts Democrats "specifically, particularly and positively" asked for his services.

Streamlining Measure Approved

First steps toward the streamlining of Congress were taken last month following Senate approval of a resolution offered by two Democrats, Senator Maloney of Connecticut and Rep. Mike Monroney, '24ba, of Oklahoma.

The Maloney-Monroney resolution provides for the setting up of a committee of six senators and six representatives to make a "complete study of the organization and operation of the Congress of the United States." However, before the committee can be set up, the resolution must be approved by the House.

Two of the congressional changes most talked about are the consolidation of some congressional committees to save time, work and expense and the providing of congressional committees and even individual congressmen with experts.

Press Plank Adopted

First presented at the Oklahoma Democratic Convention in Oklahoma City, the free press stand advocated by Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, Altus publisher and state Democratic chairman, found its way into the platform adopted by the national convention at Chicago.

As adopted by the convention, the plank read as follows: "We believe in the world right of all men to write, send and publish news at uniform communication rates and without interference by governmental or private monopoly and that right should be protected by treaty."

Editor and Publisher stated that the resolution introduced by Chairman Wimberly at the Oklahoma convention was the first indication of political interest in the matter, and that it might lead toward a definite policy by the next administration in regard to a world free press.

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