



THE COUNCIL OF CIVIC CLUBS
OF BALTIMORE.

CONSTITUTION



CONSTITUTION
OF
The Gavel Club of Baltimore

ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name of this Association shall be "THE GAVEL CLUB OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND."

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE.

It is the object of this organization to encourage and aid in its objectives, each service club or civic organization represented in this Club. To interchange club ideas and experiences, and to correlate the activities of these organizations in such a manner that duplication of effort and activities will not exist. To facilitate the dissemination among the members of all clubs or organizations represented in this Association, of such information as in the opinion of this Association may be of interest to them. To extend to the municipal government, the Association of Commerce, and any other worthy civic or municipal organization, such aid in its endeavors as is within the scope and power of this Association, and to strive for the betterment of ideals and conditions in this municipality.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Active membership in this Association shall be confined to official representatives of the following civic and service clubs of Baltimore, Maryland: to wit; The American Legion, Baltimore Press Club, Baltimore Safety Council, Business and Professional Women's Club, Civitan Club of Baltimore, Cosmopolitan Club, Engineers Club, Export Managers' Club, Kiwanis Club of Baltimore, Monarch Club, Optimist Club, Propeller Club, Quota Club, Reciprocity Club, Rotary Club of Baltimore, Soroptimist Club, Sovereign Club of Baltimore, Traffic Club, Women's Advertising Club, the Association of Commerce, and such other clubs as may be elected to membership by this Club. There shall also be an Associate membership.

SECTION 2. Both the President and Secretary of each component club shall be Active members in this Club, and shall be official representatives of their respective clubs, their membership to begin with the date of their election as President or Secretary of their club, and to continue for the period of one year, or until their successors shall have been elected in their respective Club.

SECTION 3. In the event that neither of the official representatives of any component club shall be able to be present at any one or more meetings of this club, any officer of the component club may be appointed by his President to officially represent his club. He shall have full power to vote.

SECTION 4. Any past President, or past Secretary of any component club who have held such office or offices in such component club during or since the year 1930, may become an Associate member of this club, by the payment, in advance, to the Secretary of this club, the

sum of Three (\$3.00) Dollars per annum, as dues. Such Associate members shall have the privilege of the floor at any regular or special meeting, but have no vote as an official representative. The privilege of becoming an Associate member is open to all persons who are now eligible, or who may be eligible on the 30th day of June, 1932. On and after that date, any returning official representative of a component club shall be obliged to declare his affirmative intention to become an Associate member within ninety days of his retirement, and by the payment during that period, of his yearly dues in advance, or he loses his right to such membership.

SECTION 5. The intention to resign or withdraw its official representatives on the part of the component club, shall be handed in writing to the Chairman, or to the Secretary-Treasurer of this club, by an official representative of the component club, and such resignation or withdrawal shall be passed upon at the next regular monthly meeting of this club.

ARTICLE IV. FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. The annual Active membership dues for official representatives of each component club, shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per year for each component club, regardless of the number of representatives. These dues shall not be utilized for the payment of luncheons or dinners, but for the expenses incident to the other activities of the club. These dues shall not be payable by the active members of this club, but by the component clubs, which they represent.

SECTION 2. Dues for Associate members, shall be Three Dollars (\$3.00) per year per member, and these

dues shall be paid by the member personally, and not by his component club.

ARTICLE V. GOVERNMENT, OFFICERS,

DUTIES

SECTION 1. The government of this Club shall be vested in the duly elected officers of the Club known as the Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 2. The officers of this club shall be: a Chairman, a 1st Vice-Chairman, a 2nd Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary-Treasurer. All said offices shall be elective, and in the event that any office shall become vacant, it shall be filled temporarily, by the Chairman by appointment, and permanently, by election at the next regular meeting.

SECTION 3. All elective officers shall be nominated from the floor at the November meeting and shall be elected by plurality vote, and shall serve for the ensuing fiscal year, or until their successor or successors shall be elected and qualify, without pay.

SECTION 4. The Chairman, and in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, in the order of their designation, shall preside, and shall perform the duties usually incident to a presiding officer, and shall appoint all committees, by and with the consent of a majority of the active members present.

SECTION 5. Election shall be by verbal ballot, and a plurality of votes cast shall be necessary to elect. In the event of a tie vote, the election of such candidates shall be

by lot. Only active members in good standing, whose dues shall have been paid by his component club, shall be entitled to vote.

SECTION 6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all the minutes and records of this club. He shall send out notices of all meetings, to all members, Active and Associate. He shall collect, care for, and disburse all its funds, and shall, when requested by the Chairman of this Club, submit in writing, a statement of this club's financial condition. A complete report shall be given at each annual meeting. He shall perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

SECTION 7. The elective officers of this club shall serve for the full period of the fiscal year of the club, and until their successors have been elected and qualified, notwithstanding the fact that their term of office in their component club, may terminate prior to the end of this club's fiscal year.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. This club shall hold regular dinner meetings on the second Monday of every month unless a legal holiday, in which event it shall be held on the Monday following, at 5.30 p.m., and may hold special meetings at the voluntary call of the Chairman, or at his call upon written request of three or more component clubs. Regular meetings shall be held at such place as the Active members may from time to time determine. Special meetings shall be held at such place and hour as the Chairman may direct in issuing the call.

SECTION 2. The presence of not less than seven member club representatives shall be necessary to constitute a

quorum, and the action of a majority of the Active member clubs in attendance at any regular or special meeting shall constitute the action of this club, except as otherwise provided herein.

SECTION 3. Any component club, not having a duly accredited representative attend two successive monthly meetings, shall be deemed inactive, and after the said two successive absences, the Secretary-Treasurer shall write to the President of such component club, advising said President that his club is deemed inactive, and calling his attention to this section of the Constitution, and enquiring if his club wishes to discontinue representative membership in the Gavel Club. A failure to respond and/or a failure to have an official representative attend the next two successive monthly meetings after notice, shall be construed as a desire to withdraw representatives from membership, and thereupon the names of the official representatives from such inactive component club, shall be stricken from the roll of members.

SECTION 4. No action by this club shall be binding in any manner whatsoever upon the component clubs, but shall have only the force and effect of recommendations to such clubs.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCE.

SECTION 1. No initiation fee shall be required to qualify any member and no Active member shall be required to pay any dues.

SECTION 2. This club is prohibited from making any donations or expending any funds for any purpose, except upon the majority vote of those members present and voting

SECTION 3. There shall be no assessments of the members or the clubs they represent, except for the usual dues provided for above.

ARTICLE VIII. FISCAL YEAR.

The birth of the club shall date as the first Monday of July 1930, and the fiscal year beginning July, 1932, shall continue to January, 1934, and on and after that date, the fiscal year shall commence on th first day of January, and shall terminate on the 31st day of December, in each and every year.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular club meeting, a quorum being present, by a favorable vote of two-thirds of all members present and voting, provided, however, that written notice, together with a copy of the said proposed amendment, shall be mailed to each member by the Secretary-Treasurer, at least two weeks prior to said meeting.

Amendments, approved December 1933.

Art. III, Sec.4, immediately following
'official representative', add
"except on constitutional questions, but
shall have the right to hold office."

Art. V. Sec.3, add as a concluding sentence-
"Regardless of number of members of component clubs present, the club shall have one vote."

Dec. 15th, 1937.

Mr. John W. Farrell, President.
Gavel Club,
Balto., Md.

Dear Sir:-

I am requested by the Board of Managers,
Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, to advise you of the
withdrawal of this Society from the Gavel Club.

The Constitution of the Society of the War
of 1812 in Maryland limits the activity of our society to
its particular period and therefore its members are not
interested in the multifarious work of the Gavel Club; although
we are always willing to cooperate with your body in any
matters pertaining to Baltimore's historical interests of
the period of 1812.

Very truly yours,

President.

YEAR 1938
THE GAVEL CLUB OF BALTIMORE
The Council of Civic Clubs of Baltimore

John W. Farrell, President
Former President, Sovereign Club
(Merged with Civitan Club)
925 Fidelity Building
Plaza 6934

Edward S. King, 1st Vice President
Former President, The Traffic
Club of Baltimore (22nd Year)
103 B&O Central Building
Plaza 0400 Sta. 228

Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, 2nd
Vice President
Relay, Maryland
Elkridge 179 M

J. Russell Hughes, Secretary-
Treasurer
(Civitan Club)
Equitable Trust Company
Lexington & Liberty Sts.
Plaza 8810

Board of Directors
2 Years Term
Miss Marie O'Dea, Women's Advertising Club
William Heinekamp, Classified Municipal Employees
Association of Baltimore

1 Year Term
Vinton Cockey, American Legion
W.K. Freiert, President, Advertising Club of
Baltimore
Thomas Shryock Hauck, Baltimore-Washington
Lumber Sales Club, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP - Presidents and Secretaries of

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| 1. Advertising Club of Baltimore | 11. Keystone Automobile Club |
| 2. The American Legion | 12. Kiwanis Club of Baltimore |
| 3. Automobile Club of Maryland | 13. National Sojourners, Baltimore
Chapter No. 7 |
| 4. Baltimore Press Club | 14. Optimist Club |
| 5. Baltimore-Washington Lumber Sales
Club, Inc. | 15. Reciprocity Club |
| 6. Civitan Club of Baltimore | 16. Society of War of 1812 in Maryland |
| 7. Classified Municipal Employees
Association of Baltimore | 17. Scroptimist Club |
| 8. Engineers Club of Baltimore | 18. The Traffic Club of Baltimore |
| 9. Charles W. Galloway Auxiliary No. 1
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad
Veterans' Association | 19. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the
United States |
| 10. Housewives Alliance, Inc. | 20. Mount Royal Improvement Association |
- And Others that may be elected.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

FROM ADDRESS BY EDWARD S. KING, CHAIRMAN, CONSTELLATION COMMITTEE, THE GAVEL CLUB OF BALTIMORE, OVER RADIO STATION WBAL, BALTIMORE, MD., (NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY), WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1937 7:45 P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME

This is Baltimore, Maryland, United States of America, Home of the Oldest frigate in the United States Navy, The Constellation, the birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner, our National Anthem, written by Francis Scott Key, while the Battle raged at Fort McHenry, Baltimore. Bring the Constellation Back Home to Baltimore, to be anchored at Fort McHenry.

Friends of Patriotism, Justice and Liberty throughout the World, we extend to you sincere greetings of Friendship and Goodwill.

"Thy the United States Frigate Constellation should be returned to her Home Port, Baltimore, and Anchored at Fort McHenry'.

One of the greatest reasons for the return of The Constellation to Baltimore is the immense inspirational value it possesses. Were the World without any sentiment whatsoever we should be reduced, more or less, to the level of animals, with animal instincts. Do you ever stop to think what a

frightful catastrophe would result with absence of the cohesive factors in our great United States of America, those reasons for holding together as one Nation one Free People? Sentiment and Inspiration go together, and they are indispensable keystones to the preservation of our great country of "The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave". Right here is where the presence of the Constellation, at Fort McHenry will prove of inestimable value in the patriotic uplift given the thousands who, from near and far, will view with reverent eyes this Noble, Old Frigate, and thereby receive a lesson of incalculable value in "Stand By The Ship", our GREAT SHIP, the United States of America. Think of the value of this force as arrayed against those numerous, harmful 'isms, knocking at our door, Communism, Fascism, et al - and Bring Back Home to Baltimore, and Fort McHenry, this tremendous power for the Public Weal of the citizens of the United States of America.

The John Hancock Life Insurance Company, of Boston, sponsored the publication of a fine Booklet History of The Constitution, launched after The Constellation, and the effort is under way to have published a similarly interesting History of The Constellation, for Nation-wide distribution. Any suggestion, financial or otherwise, to bring this about, will be sincerely appreciated.

WHERE ARE WE WITH THE CONSTELLATION?

Let us take stock - did not Noah do that with the Ark? We quote from Holy Writ: I CORINTHIANS IX - 26 -

"I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air".

Again we say "Why the United States Frigate Constellation should be returned to Her Home Port, Baltimore, and anchored at Fort McHenry". Progress has been made and we are on the way, but NOT THERE YET. In the language of Will Shakespeare

"Lay on, Macduff,

And damned be him that first cries, 'Hold, enough!'"

For years and years the effort has been under way to bring the Constellation to Baltimore, and we are still sticking to it; the price of success means unremitting efforts, not by a few, but ALL, far and near, should take part in this NOBLE EFFORT! The Constellation should be in Baltimore by all the rights of primogeniture and moral obligations. She was designed by Joshua Humphreys and built at Sterrett's shipyard on Harris Creek, in Baltimore, by David Stedder, a navy constructor, and launched September 7, 1797, over 140 years ago. She is a sister ship of The Constitution, now in Boston (its home), the latter's keel having been laid in Boston at Hartt's shipyard, launching taking place October 21, 1797, she being at one time at Portsmouth, N.H., where she was used as a receiving ship. Surely if two wrongs do not make a right, two rights should cure a wrong. The Constitution was "brought home" to Boston - then, why not The Constellation home to Baltimore?

CONSTELLATION'S HISTORY

The Constellation's interesting history includes serving under Stephen Decatur, who commanded the American Fleet in the Tripolitan War. Among her wanderings she was assigned to the Naval Training Station, Newport, R.I., she is there now, and was at The National Star Spangled Banner Centennial in 1914, when she was in Baltimore for the first time on record for 117 years. Surely she has been away from HOME long enough. The launching of The Constellation in Baltimore marked the beginning of the United States Navy. The first two Secretaries of the United States Navy were Marylanders, and, including The Constellation, 8 vessels were built or equipped in Baltimore for the war with France (1798-1801). The Constellation was the first frigate to be successfully launched and the first to get to sea. Except the Constitution, which has been reconstructed several times, The Constellation is the only ship that is left of ~~the~~ original United States Navy. Further and again and again, she was built here and manned by a Baltimore

crew - she was named for the galaxy of stars in the United States Flag, which inspired Francis Scott Key to write our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" during the defense of Fort McHenry.

The Gavel Club of Baltimore was officially appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore to secure the return of The Constellation - "Bring The Constellation Back Home".

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL ACTS

The Baltimore City Council adopted a Resolution December 2, 1935, memorializing the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, the Chairmen of the Naval Affairs Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives towards stationing The Constellation at Fort McHenry. On March 3, 1936, an important delegation, headed by Mayor Jackson, of Baltimore, representing social, civic and business life of Baltimore, went to Washington and met the United States Senate Naval Affairs Committee and plead its plea for our GREAT GOAL. In January, 1937, S.J.R.15 was introduced in the United States Senate, to Bring the Constellation Back Home to Baltimore, by Senators Tydings and Radcliffe, who have fought this good battle for our goal, and material progress should be made at this session of Congress, beginning November 15th, last.

CASH PRIZE FOR ESSAY OFFERED

A cash prize of \$10 - has been offered by The Gavel Club of Baltimore for the best essay written (excluding Gavel Club members) upon the subject: "Why the United States Frigate Constellation should be returned to her Home Port, Baltimore, and anchored at Fort McHenry". All are welcome in this essay contest, small and big, young and old, any length essay, latest mailing date December 31, 1937. Essays may be mailed care this station, WBAL, Baltimore, Maryland.

BID FOR BRINGING THE CONSTELLATION TO BALTIMORE

A late development is that on October 26, 1937, Wyatt N. Estep Esq., of the Southern Marine Agency, and C. A. Jackson, Esq., of Baltimore Derrick Salvage Corporation, went from Baltimore to Washington, meeting there representatives of the United States Navy, through the action of Senator Tydings, for discussion of their bid of approximately \$50,000- to move The Constellation from Newport, R.I., to Boston to dry dock and bring her to Fort McHenry for her permanent abiding place, after her peregrinations over the seas these many years. How Unpatriotic, how Unfeeling, how Inconsiderate, how Selfish to keep the fine, old Constellation away from her home, where surely she has earned a resting place at Fort McHenry (Home, Sweet Home), where thousands and thousands will visit her in her proper atmosphere, and be uplifted thereby towards Patriotism by the Psychological, Stimulating influence her inspection at Fort McHenry will produce; surely, most commendable in this age of strange 'isms and teachings, which work against Americanism and towards Communism and that ilk in general. Practically speaking, what a boon this will be to the efforts of the Baltimore Association of Commerce to promote travel to our noble, historic Free State, as one more point of interest for visitors to "The Land of the Free and The Home of the Brave". Incidentally, view the interesting exhibit now at The Tourist Information Bureau, 404 Saint Paul Street, Baltimore Association of Commerce, including an excellent picture of The Constellation, loaned by The Enoch Pratt Free Library, and a most remarkable petition to return The Constellation to Baltimore, sponsored by William Jackson, Esq., of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who, together with Carroll Dulaney, Esq., of "Day by Day" fame, Baltimore News-Post, have been outstanding warriors for the battle under way, and who will be the Judges in our Cash Prize Essay Contest. Mr. Jackson's petition contains 1248 names - signers represent 48 different countries- signatures of persons in various parts of the World- an amazing record of devoted effort. Mr. Jackson, of a New England State- think of it- has written Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, Chairman Naval Affairs Committee of the United

States Senate, in support of our Great Goal, and Senator Tydings has advised his desire of having a long talk with Senator Walsh. Senator Tydings asked Representative Gambrill, from Maryland, (of the Naval Affairs Committee of The House) to introduce The Constellation Resolution in the House of Representatives. Senator Radcliffe advised me November 18 he understood Congressman Gambrill was introducing that day a House Bill companion to Senate J.R. 15. So the good work goes on and on and on.

Surely these patent and potent facts make for action, and should be convincing, clinching arguments to bring back Home The Oldest Frigate in the United States Navy.

"Though lost to sight, to memory dear
Thou ever wilt remain;
One only hope my heart can cheer,
The hope to meet again."

SUPPORT OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Hundreds and hundreds of names have been signed to petitions to
"Bring The Constellation Back Home".

Now if the time, for one and all, to write our Senators and Representatives in Congress to uphold their hands, and stimulate and encourage them, to renewed efforts in their noble calling of right and reason and rendering reward to the citizens of Maryland. After all, Sentiment in Life counts for much (lifts us above the Beasts of the Field)- it is a great factor for holding together Civilization, and here is an object with Sentiment as its Keystone. Certainly, the presence of The Constellation at Baltimore should do untold good, when by looking at that noble vessel, with its rich and historic past, we are reminded of the heritages of our History, and should be spurred on to renewed patriotic devotion to our Blessed Land, the United States of America.

Baltimoreans and other Citizens of Maryland. Friends near and far throughout the World, Friends of Justice, who love the Right, stand by us, ACT NOW - write your Senators and Members of the House of Representatives, at Washington, NOW not LATER, and show all and every one we want The Constellation at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, and DO NOT INTEND TO REST UNTIL WE HAVE WON!

"For blessings ever wait on virtuous deeds,
And though a late, a sure reward succeeds."

This is the Eve of Thanksgiving Day, and sincere thanks are here and now expressed for the loyal support we have had already in our Great Work, and for all that which is to come; also, for our friends here with WBAL for so graciously permitting this broadcast.

We conclude faithfully and hopefully, and never-say-die!

BRING THE CONSTELLATION BACK HOME TO BALTIMORE-- write your Senators and Members of the House of Representatives at Washington. Help SPEED US ON OUR WAY NOW.

JOHN WILLIAM FARRELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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BALTIMORE, MD.

January 27, 1938

Mr. James E. Hancock, President
Society of War of 1812
521 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Hancock:

Recently I received a resignation of your Club from the Gavel Club of Baltimore. It was read at a meeting at which one of your members, John Phillip Hill, was our speaker. He was very much shocked that the Society of the War of 1812 should resign from the Gavel Club and he mentioned the fact that he had attended the last Board meeting of the Society and the matter had not been taken up and he requested us to withhold action on the resignation of the society until he had an opportunity to talk to them. We have withheld action on the resignation and I understand Mr. King has been in touch with you.

We have found from the past experience that a Club which is a member club of the Gavel Club that does not have a representative at the Gavel Club for several meetings loses interest because they do not get the reports of the activities of the Gavel Club and in not getting reports and not knowing what is going on naturally loses interest and takes the attitude that dues spent in membership is money thrown away. I am enclosing in this letter the Briefs of the January meeting, together with a report of the president for the year 1937, a report of the secretary for the same period, the proposed change in the Constitution, which will be voted on at the February meeting, and a complete list of the new committees for the coming year. I am convinced that if you would read at your regular meetings of your Society the activities of the Club as evidenced by the reports of the Secretary and President that they would realize that the \$ 10.00 they contributed for membership dues has gone a long way to accomplish things of benefit to Baltimore.

We would be very glad to have the Society remain a member of the Gavel Club but if the Society wishes to withdraw it is certainly within its rights to do so. However, it struck me as a very untimely when the fight is still on for the return of the Constellation, which fight was started by your Club, and which fight is not over by any means, but I think you and the Society will admit that the Gavel Club has done yeoman service in attempting to bring the Constellation back to Baltimore.

Will you be kind enough to take this matter up with the Board of Directors and advise whether you wish us to act upon the resignation of your Society or whether they are inclined to withdraw the resignation

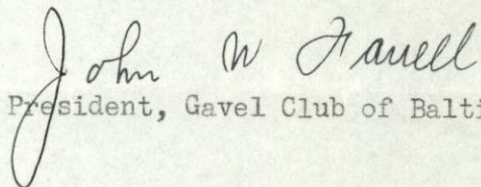
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and continue their membership.

Thanking you sincerely, I am

Yours very truly,


President, Gavel Club of Baltimore

JWF:HA

Jan. 27th, 1938.

Mr. John W. Farrell,
925 Fidelity Bldg.,
Balto., Md.

Dear Mr. Farrell:-

Your letter of January 27th has been received and I note your reference to certain remarks that you say were made by Mr. John Phillip Hill at a recent meeting of the Gavel Club. Mr. Hill is a member of the Board of the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland but as you are probably aware, he has of late been spending considerable time in New York and I would assure you that he did not attend the November meeting of the Board when the matter of continuing the membership of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Gavel Club was discussed. I would further say that the minutes of that meeting will show there was not a dissenting vote against the withdrawal of this Society from membership in the Gavel Club and that I was requested to advise you accordingly.

The Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland is working for the return of the "Constellation" to Baltimore and is willing to cooperate with the Gavel Club in that purpose. However, our constitution limits the scope of our work and we are therefore not interested in the miscellaneous activities of the Gavel Club.

Very truly yours,

President.

JOHN W. FARRELL, PRESIDENT
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YEAR 1938



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March 18, 1938

Mr. Wm. H. Pitcher, Jr., Secy.
Society of War of 1812 in Md.
3 W. Lombard St.
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Pitcher:

This is to advise you that your resignation in the Gavel Club was
duly accepted at our February 21st meeting, with regrets.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Russell Hughes".

J. RUSSELL HUGHES,
Secretary.

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