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CALL FOR THE 1968 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

January 8, 1968

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

By authority of the Democratic National Committee, the National Convention of the Democratic Party is hereby called to meet in the International Amphitheatre and Exposition Center, 42nd and Holsted Streets, Chicago, Illinois, on the 26th day of August, 1968, at an hour to be determined at a later date for the purpose of selecting nominees for President and Vice President of the United States of America, to adopt and promulgate a platform and to take such other action with respect to any other matters as the Convention may deem advisable.

Notice is hereby given that the following resolutions have been approved by the Democratic National Committee with recommendation that they be adopted as rules applicable to the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic National Committee that:

(1) It is the understanding that a State Democratic Party, in selecting and certifying delegates to the Democratic National Convention, thereby undertakes to assure that voters in the State, regardless of race, color, creed or national origin, will have the opportunity to participate fully in Party affairs, and to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees, under the Democratic Party label and designation.

(2) It is understood that the Delegates to the Democratic National Convention, when certified by the State Democratic Party are bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and

success of the Democratic Party at heart, and will participate in the Convention in good faith and therefore no additional assurances shall be required of Delegates to the Democratic National Convention in the absence of credentials contest or challenge;

(3) It is the duty of every member of the Democratic National Committee to declare affirmatively for the nominees of the Convention, and that his or her failure to do so shall be cause for the Democratic National Committee or its duly authorized subcommittee to declare his or her seat vacant after notice and opportunity for hearing.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES, DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

The distribution of votes, delegates and alternates for said 1968 Democratic National Convention shall be as follows:

State	A 1968 Conven- tion Vote	B Nat'l Comm. Members*	C Maximum No. ** of Delegates to be selected (From Cols. 2E and 2D	D Maximum No. of Alternates to be Selected	E Maximum Total*** Dele- gation
Alabama	32	2	# 56 with 30 votes	30	88
Alaska	22	2	20 " 20 "	20	42
Arizona	19	2	# 32 " 17 "	17	51
Arkansas	33	2	# 52 " 31 "	31	85
California	174	2	172 " 172 "	172	346
Colorado	35	2	# 40 " 33 "	33	75
Connecticut	44	2	42 " 42 "	42	86
Deleware	22	2	20 " 20 "	20	42
Florida	63	2	61 " 61 "	61	124
Georgia	43	2	64 " 41 "	41	107
Hawaii	26	2	24 " 24 "	24	50
Idaho	25	2	# 24 " 23 "	23	49
Illinois	118	2	#136 " 116 "	116	254
Indiana	63	2	# 66 " 61 "	61	129
Iowa	46	2	# 50 " 44 "	44	96

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Kansas	38	2	# 40 with 36 votes	36	78
Kentucky	46	2	# 60 " 44 "	44	106
Louisiana	36	2	# 50 " 34 "	34	86
Maine	27	2	# 28 " 25 "	25	55
Maryland	49	2	47 " 47 "	47	96
Massachusetts	72	2	# 80 " 70 "	70	152
Michigan	96	2	# 100 " 94 "	94	196
Minnesota	52	2	# 60 " 50 "	50	112
Mississippi	24	2	# 44 " 22 "	22	68
Missouri	60	2	# 76 " 58 "	58	136
Montana	26	2	# 30 " 24 "	24	56
Nebraska	30	2	# 30 " 28 "	28	60
Nevada	22	2	# 28 " 20 "	20	50
New Hampshire	26	2	24 " 24 "	24	50
New Jersey	82	2	80 " 80 "	80	162
New Mexico	26	2	# 32 " 24 "	24	58
New York	190	2	# 226 " 188 "	188	416
North Carolina	59	2	# 72 " 57 "	57	131
North Dakota	25	2	23 " 23 "	23	48
Ohio	115	2	# 126 " 113 "	113	241
Oklahoma	41	2	# 56 " 39 "	39	97
Oregon	35	2	33 " 33 "	33	68
Pennsylvania	130	2	# 160 " 128 "	128	290
Rhode Island	27	2	# 32 " 25 "	25	59
South Carolina	28	2	# 40 " 26 "	26	68
South Dakota	26	2	24 " 24 "	24	50
Tennessee	51	2	# 64 " 49 "	49	115
Texas	104	2	# 120 " 102 "	102	224
Utah	26	2	24 " 24 "	24	50
Vermont	22	2	20 " 20 "	20	42
Virginia	54	2	# 64 " 52 "	52	118
Washington	47	2	# 52 " 45 "	45	99
West Virginia	38	2	# 48 " 36 "	36	86
Wisconsin	59	2	# 60 " 57 "	57	119
Wyoming	22	2	# 26 " 20 "	20	48
Dist. of Columb.	23	2	21 " 21 "	21	44
Canal Zone	5	2	# 6 " 3 "	3	11
Guam	5	2	# 6 " 3 "	3	11
Puerto Rico	8	2	# 12 " 6 "	6	20
Virgin Islands	5	2	# 6 " 3 "	3	11
TOTALS	2622	110	2989 " 2512 "	2512	5611

\*Each National Committee member has an automatic vote within his delegation;  
no alternates may be substituted.

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The basis for the foregoing distribution of votes, delegates and alternates is the resolution adopted by the Democratic National Committee on January 8, 1968, which reads as follows:

(1) Each State shall have three (3) Convention votes for each of the Electors from that State in the Electoral College.

(2) Each State shall have a popular vote bonus equal to one Convention vote for each 100,000 popular votes, or major fraction thereof, cast in that State in 1964 for Electors who either voted for the nominees of the 1964 Democratic National Convention or who were not elected but ran on the ticket of voting for said nominees: Provided that (i) there shall be a minimum of one such bonus vote for each State.

(3) There shall be a victory bonus of ten (10) Convention votes for each State which cast its Electoral votes for the nominees of the 1964 Democratic National Convention.

(4) Each member of the Democratic National Committee elected by the 1964 Democratic National Convention or subsequent thereto by the Democratic National Committee shall have one Convention vote, said vote to be personal and to be incapable of exercise by any alternate.

(5) Canal Zone, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands shall have twenty-three (23) Convention votes, inclusive of the votes of members of the Democratic National Committee, distributed as follows:

Canal Zone	5
Guam	5
Puerto Rico	8
Virgin Islands	5

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in selecting individuals to cast Convention votes other than the votes of members of the Democratic National Committee, each State shall select a delegate for each vote and an alternate for each vote, except that a State shall be entitled to select the same number of individuals to serve as delegates as it was authorized to select for the 1964 Democratic National Convention, and if such number of individual delegates exceeds the number of Convention votes authorized for delegates selected by the State then fractional votes (consisting of one-half vote per delegate) may be assigned to the extent necessary, provided that this exception shall not apply to alternates.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the allocation of votes, whether on a Congressional district, at-large or other basis, shall be determined within each State, it being recommended that, to the extent permitted by State law, consideration be given to the foregoing principles underlying the determination of National Convention votes and equitable allowances provided on the basis thereof.

JOHN M. BAILEY

Chairman, Democratic National Committee



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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee recommends to the 1968 Democratic National Convention that it adopt as part of its rules the following:

(1) There shall be selected by the delegation from each state two members, one of each sex, to serve on the following Committee of the 1968 Democratic National Convention:

- (a) Committee on Permanent Organization
- (b) Committee on Rules and Order of Business
- (c) Committee on Credentials
- (d) Committee on Resolutions and Platform

(2) The Democratic National Committee request the State delegations to make their selections for the foregoing Committees at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the opening of the Convention;

(3) The members of the foregoing Committees shall meet in the Convention City or elsewhere on the call of the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee at times and places determined by him, at any time prior to the opening of the Convention, and proceed with the work of the respective committees as de facto bodies, in anticipation of later confirmation as de jure committees by action of the Convention;

(4) Members of the foregoing committees attending meetings thereof in advance of the opening of the Convention, on the call of the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, be paid a per diem expense allowance in an amount determined by the Chairman for the days of early attendance.

The standing committees of the 1968 Convention are to be organized on this basis.

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RESOLVED, that seating arrangements for correspondents of daily newspapers at the Democratic National Convention of 1968, including the assignments of seats, shall be made by the Standing Committee of the Press Gallery of Congress, under the supervision of the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements of the Democratic National Convention; and that seating arrangements for radio and television correspondents at the Convention, including assignments of seats, shall be made by the Radio Correspondents' Association, under the supervision of the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements of the Democratic National Convention, and that the seating arrangements for the Periodical Press shall be made by the Executive Committee of Correspondents of the Periodical Galleries of Congress, under the supervision of the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements of the Democratic National Convention, and that the arrangements for still photographers of the daily newspapers shall be made by the Standing Committee of the Press Photographers' Gallery of the U. S. Senate, under the same supervision.