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*Brother Kevin Tabarus, Chairman of the Judges of Election and Treasurer of Local 300, read the results of the primary elections.*

result of the anti-worker and anti-union Republican leadership in the House, however, Representative Darrell Issa's (R-CA) draconian anti-worker bill, H.R. 2309, (which has been co-sponsored by just two Members, including Issa) has been the focal point of the Republican legislative efforts. Congressman Lynch promised the delegates that he would continue to oppose the adoption of H.R. 2309, and further declared that he is "extremely proud to have you, the National Postal Mail Handlers Union, all as true partners in this fight."

President Hegarty subsequently requested that everyone in the room rise in remembrance of the anthrax victims, and Sister June Harris of Local 306 provided the morning's Invocation, which was especially spirited, as she asked the delegates to join hands in unity and solidarity.

Next, Sister Madelyn Puricelli of Local 320 provided the delegation with the Third Supplemental Report

of the Credentials Committee. Sadly, one of the delegates had a death in his family, and his departure from the Convention brought the total number of registered delegates down to 277.

With much anticipation, Brother Kevin Tabarus, Chairman of the Judges of Election and member of Local 300, read the results of the primary elections for Eastern Region Vice President and Southern Region Vice President. For the Eastern Region, the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes were Kevin Fletcher of Local 305 and James Bell of Local 304, and their names will therefore be placed on the mail referendum ballot this September. In the Southern Region, the two candidates receiving the most votes were Pervous "Andy B" Badilishamwalimu of Local 310

and Lawrence Sapp of Local 318, and thus they will appear on the upcoming ballot.

Following the announcement of the election results, the delegation listened attentively to the third part of Dr. Giebel lecture series on the history of our great Union and the labor movement. Today, the Convention's centennial historian covered the period of 1912 to 1952. The lecture included four video clips displaying the archaic—though efficient for the time—procedures that once comprised the mail processing and transportation systems, mostly on the railroads. In addition, Giebel's lecture emphasized the accomplishments of the labor movement, including the passage of the Railway Labor Act, which set the precedent for more comprehensive legislation, such as the National

Labor Relations Act of 1935. Giebel also noted several setbacks, many of which were a result of deplorable segregation and anti-labor policies during the period known as The Roaring 1920s.

The delegates continued to enjoy some incredible special guest speakers. Leading off the list for today's proceedings was Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR). President Hegarty introduced this skillful orator, commending him as "an advocate of the principle of bipartisanship, which has allowed him to author more than 150 bipartisan bills on health care, infrastructure, and tax reform." He went on to recognize Wyden as "a friend of Mail Handlers, and a friend of all working people." Sen. Wyden, to wild applause, suggested that every American should have the right to vote by mail—he



*Rep. Steven Lynch (D-MA) delivers his message of support for all Mail Handlers.*



*Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR), the first U.S. Senator to be elected by mail-in ballots, spoke with conviction about American voter participation.*



*Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA) stressed the importance of grassroots work to ensure the future viability of the U.S. Postal Service.*



*Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), recently elected to Congress, promised to fight for the causes of the NPMHU and proudly wore a Mail Handler Union jacket as she left the hall.*