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Later in the day, Legislative and Political Director Bob Losi spoke to this point. He thanked the membership for their tireless work in the field, and provided more context about the two postal reform bills now pending before Congress. Losi also talked about how important it is to vote in the upcoming U.S. national election, encouraging delegates to register their newly eligible relatives. Afterwards, Losi took questions from the delegates about how to best get involved politically. He encouraged participation in their respective State AFL-CIO organizations, and in efforts to get out the vote – both up and down the ticket.

Delegates heard another video address – this one from Utah Representative Jason Chaffetz. As a co-sponsor of the House’s postal reform bill, Chaffetz is trying to be a friend to the Postal Unions and the Postal Service. “We have to make the Postal Service more relevant,” he said.

The last order of business for the day was the introduction of the Legislative and Political Committee, preceded by a brief video available for viewing online. Chair Rudy Santos rose to thank his committee for all its hard work, and moved to read through the report along with the recommended resolutions. A resolution, unlike a constitutional amendment, only requires a simple majority for passage. This did not prove to be an important hurdle, however, considering the delegates approved the first four resolutions before them by a wide majority. These resolutions can be found elsewhere in this magazine, reproduced in full.

Friday, August 25

The penultimate day of the Convention consisted of respectful and intelligent debate over resolutions put forth by the Legislative and Political and Resolution Committees. Friday morning started with an invocation from Local 318 Delegate Wayne Campbell and several videos.

The delegates viewed video addresses from Congressman Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) and Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ), and also had a chance to laugh at themselves, as they watched a video of National President Hogrogian’s semi-successful attempt to throw out the first pitch at a recent Mets-Padres game at Citi Field. On a related note, the delegates also watched the official “Power of You” blooper reel, which also included



many semi-successful attempts to convey the Convention theme.

Rudy Santos took the microphone next to introduce the remaining four resolutions for debate. All were positively received, especially the final resolution containing an endorsement of Hillary Clinton for President of the United States. Staff was at the ready with posters and buttons, which the delegates waved in celebration.

With the NPMHU presidential endorsement complete, it was time to move on to labor-related and policy resolutions. President Hogrogian introduced members of the Resolutions Committee, including its Chairman, Lawrence Sapp. Sapp thanked members of the committee for all their hard work in developing the nine resolutions presented to the delegates.

Most of these resolutions were fairly straightforward and involved no debate. One notable exception, however, was a resolution pledging support to the Black Lives Matter movement.



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Vice President, Southern Region Lawrence B. Sapp delivers passionate remarks when speaking to Resolution Committee actions