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Chairman of the Republican national committee, chairmen of four major committees directly involved with procedure at the mock convention, and ~~other~~ ^{other} convention officers have been announced by convention headquarters.

Chairman of the Republican national committee recently chosen is Howard Bratches. The four operational committees chairmen are Jack Kaiser, committee on rules and order of business; Terry Whitman, committee on credentials; Gil Gillespie, committee on permanent organization; and Sol Wachtler, committee on resolutions.

Minor officials for the convention are the sergeant-at-arms, Bob Thomas; doorkeeper, Harold Brooks; assistant doorkeepers, Bob Parsons and parliamentarian, Bill Beatty; Ken Groeneveld; and official convention reporter, Norman Dobyne, assisted by Charles Monzella and Bob Andrews.

The Republican national committee chairman, Howard Bratches, is responsible for calling to order and conducting the first session until election of temporary officers for the convention is completed.

The committee on rules and order of business puts up a set of governing rules for the convention based on those of the House of Representatives and those used in the previous convention, besides an order of business also patterned after former use. Changes in old rules and order of business are suggested by the committee for a vote.

In charge of preparing and reporting the final list of delegates from each state and territory to the convention is the committee on credentials, and it is to this committee that each chairman of the state delegations refers his list of members for approval. This committee also has the difficult task

of settling all seats for which more than one person is claiming.

The third major convention committee, the committee on permanent organization, has as its duty the selection and nomination of a slate of permanent officials, among these being the permanent chairman, Townsend East.

Last to report at the initial session is the committee on resolutions, whose job it is to formulate and present the party platform for the next four years to the delegates.

The platform, usually of great length in real party conventions, is never taken too seriously. In it appear glittering generalities about the past achievements and future intentions of the party as well as bitter condemnation of the opposition party, while the finer points of party policy are glossed over in its bid for greater support. Local politicians will undoubtedly take this opportunity to inject silver-tongued oratory into the proceedings.

Minor officials of the convention--the sergeant-at-arms, the Parliamentarian, the doorkeeper and his assistants--are present to preserve order, guide delegates around the floor, keep a tentative record of delegates attending, and in other ways to keep the progress of the convention running without hitches.

The official convention reporter will write up all significant developments at the two-day spectacle, including the keynote speech, nominations, and balloting results, for general release. He is also charged with making arrangements for hotel reservations, operation centers, information, and guidance for representatives of the press, wire news associations, radio, newsreels, and television coming here for the event.