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of the Ollman appointment decision, as well as possible subsequent discriminatory actions against Ollman's supporters in the Maryland faculty and on their departments.

Professor Howard Penniman questioned whether or not a quorum was present. A count of the Business Meeting was taken; 95 members were present. A recount was requested and taken; 88 members were present.

President Wahlke recessed the Meeting for ten minutes, at which time a quorum was still not present, and the Meeting was recessed until 11:45 the following morning.

Sunday, September 3, 11:45 a.m.

President Wahlke advised the Business Meeting that, if a quorum were not present at this session of the Meeting, a mail ballot would be sent to members of the Council on Alker's proposed amendment, the proposed substitute motion as amended, and the original motion.

Professor John Whipple questioned a quorum. A count was taken; 54 members were present.

President Wahlke turned the Meeting over to President-Elect Epstein. President-Elect Epstein adjourned the meeting as 12:05 p.m.

Following the Meeting, a mail ballot was sent to members of the Council. The Alker amendment was defeated and the Council substitute resolution was approved.

Recent Governmental Actions on Presidential Records

The Presidential Records Act of 1978 was passed by the Congress and signed by President Carter at the end of the last session of Congress. The legislation provides for the management, preservation and public availability of Presidential documents. The Association, with the American Historical Association, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, and other professional organizations supported passage of the Act as a part of its continuing interest in the area of preservation and accessibility of presidential papers. In a related action, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled in December that the Freedom of Information Act does provide for access to Presidential material covered under the Presidential Recording and Materials Preservation Act of 1974. The Court concluded that the Act provides an alternative, but not exclusive, means of access to Nixon Presidential material. The decision reversed a lower court ruling and, along with the continuing question of ownership of the material, was remanded for proceedings consistent with the court's rulings. The appeal was brought by several parties and individuals, including the American Political Science Association.

Further information on the Association's work in this area is contained in *PS* articles by Clem Vose, "Presidential Papers as a Political Science Concern," Winter 1975, and "Nixon's Archival

Legacy," Fall 1977. An analysis by Professor Vose of the Presidential Records Acts of 1978, as well as further information on other aspects of records preservation of public officials, including the telephone notes case of Henry Kissinger, will appear in a future issue of *PS*.

1979 Annual Meeting

The 1979 Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C., August 31 to September 3. The Preliminary Program for the meeting will be printed in the Spring *PS*. Information on program including brief descriptions of the sections was printed in the Fall *PS*. For further information write to Elizabeth Horton, APSA Convention Coordinator, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, or Frank J. Sorauf, 1414 Social Sciences, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.

Several organizations wish to bring the following information to the attention of members:

The Women's Caucus for Political Science

The following panels will be featured on Women's Caucus for Political Science program at the 1979 fall meeting:

Equal Employment Opportunity and Women: Policy Process, Impact and Directions, chaired by Debra Stewart, Political Science Department, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina 27650.

Right to Privacy, chaired by Bonnie Cook Freeman, Cultural Foundations of Education Department, University of Texas, Austin, Texas 78712.

Women and Policy for Survival, i.e., conservation, energy, population, science and technology, transportation, chaired by Claire Knoche, Wisconsin Center for Public Policy, 1605 Monroe Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53711.

Support for Women's Policy Issues, chaired by Susan Gluck Mezey, Political Science Department, DePaul University, 2323 N. Seminary Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60614.

Women and Current Education Policy, chaired by Marian Lief Palley, Political Science Department, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware 19711.

Women and Income Maintenance, chaired by Laura K. Olson, Government Department, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18015.

Persons interested in presenting papers or serving as discussants should contact the panel chairs directly and right away. There will be a concluding colloquy, "Women's Policy: Strategy and Tactics for Its Attainment and Implementation," chaired by Dorothy James, Virginia Polytechnic University and President of the Policy Studies Organization; participants will be the above panel chairs. James has agreed

to edit a book based on selected papers from the program; Sarah Slavin Schramm, WCPS President-Elect and section chair, will locate a publisher for the book.

Presidency Research Group

At the last APSA convention in New York City, a group of political scientists engaged in research in the presidency met to form a Presidency Research Group (PRG). It was felt that those who share this interest would welcome the exchange of ideas throughout the year and during the convention. Two panels devoted to research on the presidency are being organized under Professor Harry Bailey's subsection of the official program. These panels are listed in a forthcoming issue of *PS*. In addition to these, several panels under the aegis of the PRG will also be organized, none of which will conflict in time or content with Professor Bailey's panels. Those who wish to present papers on the PRG panels are invited to make three copies of descriptions and submit *one* to each of the following: (1) Professor Fred Greenstein, Department of Politics, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey 08540; (2) Professor Tom Cronin, Department of Political Science, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware 19711; and (3) Professor Steve Wayne, Department of Political Science, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. In addition, PRG will plan a roundtable on the presidency on a theme of common interest.

We plan to distribute a newsletter twice this year describing current research on the presidency. We warmly invite scholars on the presidency to join us by writing Professor Lester G. Seligman, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801, describing your research interests. Please enclose \$2 to help defray the costs of publication of the newsletter and other administrative costs.

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Stephen Wayne
George Washington University

James Young
University of Virginia

Subfield Group in Law, Courts and Judicial Behavior

The Subfield Group in Law, Courts, and Judicial Behavior desires to compile and distribute at its next meeting a directory of persons working in its subfield. Those who would like to be included in this directory should send a brief statement of research interests, together with a resume patterned on the format used in the *1973 Biographical Directory of the APSA*, to Joseph Tanenhaus, Department of Political Science, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York 11794.

Foundations of Political Theory Group Panels

The program theme for the 1979 Foundations of Political Theory Group's panels will be "Political Theory and Contemporary Social Problems." The aim of these panels will be to stimulate political theorists' interest in addressing the possible contribution of their discourse to some pressing social problems. This effort is predicted on the belief that public issues have an important political theoretical dimension.

The tentative broad social problems that will provide the foci for the panels are as follows:

- (1) the problem of justice, preferential treatment as a remedy for past discrimination and reverse discrimination;
- (2) the problem of the limits to growth and necessary political value choices: ecology and political theory;
- (3) the problem of the role of political values in a technological society: a political philosophy of technology;
- (4) the problem of the relation between recent claims in sociobiology and political morality;
- (5) the problem of political ethics and the justification of violence for political goals: a normative political theory of violence;
- (6) the problem of equality and the redistribution of property.
- (7) A special panel, "The Arts of Reading: The Humanists' Methodology," will be presented, featuring scholars from several humanities disciplines.

Other suggestions for panel topics are welcome. For information and other matters, write to Joel Kassiola, Department of Political Science, Brooklyn College of the City of New York, New York, New York 11210.