

TO: Program Committee, Arkansas Political Science Association (Bailey, Burns, Dunn, Hodge, and LeVar) and Association officers (McChesney, Kidmon, Nunn).

FROM: Joel Anderson, Program Committee Chairman *ja*

RE: Political Speaker for Saturday luncheon at state meeting

DATE: January 29, 1975

Ken Bailey has received a letter from Steve Nickles, an aid to Governor Pryor, reporting that the governor had declined our invitation to speak at the Saturday meeting because this falls on one of the two days (Saturday and Sunday) that he wants to reserve for his family. At first glance, we might want to switch him from Saturday to Friday night; however, that really is not an option as I see it because we have out of state speakers scheduled for the Friday dinner.

Consequently, we need to come up with another speaker for the Saturday luncheon. We had committed ourselves to finding a prominent politicoe. I am not sure where we go from here. I guess my first inclination would be to inquire as to whether or not Dale Bumpers might be in Little Rock that weekend. I can not think of other prominent politicians who would be equally well received by the membership. Fulbright is perhaps an outside possibility. We are of course limited because we cannot offer an honorarium for this appearance. Another prospect might be former governor Sid McMath.

I suppose that after those possibilities, I would be inclined to favor a prominent agency head rather than one of the other constitutional officers or a legislator. Off the top of my head, I think of Dr. Boast and Mr. Hutto as two examples of what I have in mind.

I am completely open myself and I am not sure just what to do. By all means let me hear from you promptly with your thoughts on possible speakers and how we ought to proceed. At minimum, I suppose Walter Nunn will have to send out a schedule with an appropriate notation that the speaker at the Saturday dinner is "to be announced".

Let me emphasize the need for a rapid response. I am confident that we would all prefer to handle this without an additional committee meeting, if possible.

JEA/mcm