that the Synod would begin Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., instead of 9:30 a.m., and so that the Order of the Day voted that morning could be accommodated, and that the agenda for Saturday, June 25, be extended to 12:30 p.m. The Moderator declared that upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted.

10. PASSAGE OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

The Moderator called upon the Rev. Martha Baumer for a continuation of the Report of the Executive Council. Ms. Baumer referred to Advance Materials V, page 167, regarding the Resolution in Support of the Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, submitted by the Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society. Ms. Baumer moved the adoption of this Resolution and it was

83 GS 14 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod affirms support for the Equal Rights Amendment:

Section 1—Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2—The Congress shall have the power to enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article.

Section 3—This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment has been reintroduced into the Congress of the United States and,

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ historically has supported such an amendment which holds that men and women shall stand equal before the laws of this nation and,

WHEREAS, the advocacy of the United Church of Christ, its clergy and its members, has been strongly supportive of this Amendment as an issue of justice in response to the demands of the biblical faith and,

WHEREAS, the requirement of justice for women cannot be accomplished by statute since what one Congress gives another can take away and,

WHEREAS, while individual states may pass their own equal rights amendments, they may vary in interpretation and in the vigor of their enforcement,

THEREFORE, the Fourteenth General Synod affirms support for the Equal Rights Amendment and urges members, congregations, conferences, and the national church to monitor the effort and to take appropriate action in support of it as it proceeds through the amendment process.

11. AMENDMENT OF BYLAW 180

Ms. Baumer referred to Advance Materials IV, page 25, of the April 20, 1983, document "Proposals of the Executive Council to the Fourteenth General Synod for Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Church of Christ" as mailed to the delegates, Conferences and churches. She moved the adoption of Bylaw 180 with its addition. It was

83 GS 15 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod amends paragraph 180 of the Constitution and Bylaws by the addition of the sentences "Notwithstanding this requirement, if a member of the Nominating Committee moves to a Conference from which there is another member of the Committee currently serving, the member moving to the

Conference currently served by another member shall continue to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee until the end of the biennium. The position on the Nominating Committee held by the member who moved becomes vacant at the end of the biennium during which the above change in Conference occurs," so that it will read:

180. The Nominating Committee shall consist of 18 members. At least nine months before each regular meeting of the General Synod, the Executive Council shall invite each Conference not currently represented on the Nominating Committee to submit the names of a minister and a layperson for possible membership on the Nominating Committee. The Executive Council shall submit 12 of these names, six ministers and six laypersons to the General Synod which shall elect three ministers and three laypersons to serve on the Nominating Committee for terms of six years. Not more than one member of the Nominating Committee shall be from any one Conference. Notwithstanding this requirement, if a member of the Nominating Committee moves to a Conference from which there is another member of the Committee currently serving, the member moving to the Conference currently served by another member shall continue to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee until the end of the biennium. The position on the Nominating Committee held by the member who moved becomes vacant at the end of the biennium during which the above change in Conference occurs. A member of the Nominating Committee who has served a full term shall not be eligible for re-election until a biennium has elapsed. Terms of members shall begin at the close of the General Synod at which the members have been elected and continue to the close of the third regular General Synod after their election. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall be named by the Executive Council from the members of the Nominating Committee within six months after each regular meeting of the General Synod.

12. AMENDMENT OF BYLAW 202

Ms. Baumer referred to page 26 of Advance Materials IV to the recommendation of the Executive Council for amending Bylaw 202 and moved its adoption. It was

83 GS 16 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod amends paragraph 202 of the Constitution and Bylaws by changing the word "will" to "shall" in the first sentence, by changing the words "This Chairperson" to "He/She" in the second sentence, by adding the words "and the Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Council" to the third sentence, and by adding a new fourth sentence to the paragraph "The Chairperson of the Administrative Committee may designate the Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Council as Chair of the Committee when the Administrative Committee is not acting ad interim for the Executive Council, so that it will read:

202. The Chairperson of the Executive Council shall chair the Administrative Committee. He/She shall nominate to the Executive Council the Chairperson and Executive Council members of all committees of the Administrative and Structural Planning Committees. The President, or in his or her absence the Executive Associate to the President, the Secretary of the Church, and the Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Council shall be voting members of the