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The EPP fraction began in a somewhat unconventional way. The head asked questions to each committee, ranging from the very relevant to the ridiculous. The number of questions the committees got right was multiplied with the number of people in the committee, and the committees received that many straws. The chair then gave each committee an egg, and told them that they had to build a nest out of straws so that when the egg was dropped from the stage it would not break. The committees separated to work on this project, as well as to decorate their eggs. The crisis committee managed to break their egg before any were dropped, much to the amusement of the chair and the other delegates.

When the eggs were dropped, all broke except for one. Georgia Turner, the head of the fraction, explained the reasons behind this exercise. "To be successful at MEP, you need to know what you're doing," she said. That was why they had had to answer questions. "You need to have as many people as you can on your team." That was why the number of straws they received was determined by the number of people in their committee. "You need to work as a team," she continued. "But most importantly, you need a solid position with no cracks in it." She then told the delegates that the unbroken egg was hardboiled. It was solid and sturdy, and that was why it was successful.