

DELEGATE POWERS: I move that we adjourn until Monday, November 27, at 2:00 P.M.

(The motion was seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: Before you adjourn, any delegates who were not present at roll call this afternoon indicate your presence for roll call now.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

(Whereupon at 5:45 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, November 27, 1967.)

PLENARY SESSION

NOVEMBER 27, 1967—2:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Sergeant-at-Arms will clear the aisles and close the doors.

The Convention will please come to order.

The invocation today will be offered by the Reverend Alphonse Rose, of St. Margaret's Catholic Church, in Bel Air, Harford County. Reverend Rose is a cousin of Delegate Vecera.

Reverend Rose.

REVEREND ROSE: Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to begin first by reading a few sentences from the Scripture. This is from Paul to the Athenians.

Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as those who do not know the meaning and the purpose of life, but as those who do. Make the best of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days. Do not be vague, but firmly grasp what you know to be the will of the Lord.

Let us pray.

Oh God, your word remind us of the great personal responsibility which devolves upon us here in this chamber. To be a representative of the people is not easy. One is expected to satisfy so many. Yet one thing is necessary — that we satisfy You. This will be the one question that we shall all have to answer when our careers finally come to an end. Give us prudence and insight to fulfill our duties as representatives of the people with a good conscience. Let

us be honorable in all our dealings, pursuant of the common good in all our deliberations, motivated by principle in all our actions. Let us seek Your help more often in prayer. Send Your Holy Spirit to guide us, particularly in those dark hours when the right course is not so clear.

Help us to understand that free speech is Your gift, and we have no right to be quiet through pride, cowardice, negligence or prejudice, but when the occasion demands, we must weigh our words in the sight of the Lord.

The lives and happiness of many depend on good representatives. There is so much to do for good. Let me not compromise but be motivated by the love You have shown for me. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Roll call.

(Whereupon, a roll call was taken.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Clerk will record the roll call.

There being a quorum present, the Convention is in session.

The Chair desires to announce that the entire membership of the Committee on the Executive Branch, with the exception of Delegate Powers, who is in the Chamber, is meeting, or continuing a meeting begun quite some time ago in its committee room in this building.

The President has given his permission to that committee to continue its meeting during this session, in an effort to resolve some very pressing problems.

The Chair will give to the journal clerk the list of the members of the committee who are present at the meeting at this minute and ask that they be recorded as present.

Are there any other reports of committees?

Delegate Kiefer?

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. President, I rise to a point of personal privilege.

I would like to introduce the 128 students from Woodlawn Senior High School who are with us in the balcony, and their three teachers, Garland Brown, Holmes Clay and Harry Graybill. They have been here, they have seen and observed some of the things that are going on and I understand will observe this session for the next hour or so.