

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

(Whereupon, at 1:00 P.M. the Convention was recessed, to reconvene at 2:30 P.M., on the same day.)

PLENARY SESSION

NOVEMBER 30, 1967—2:55 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.
Roll Call.

(The roll was called.)

THE PRESIDENT: Has every delegate answered roll call?

(There was no response.)

The Clerk will record the roll call.

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

For what purposes does Delegate Churchill Murray rise?

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: A point of personal privilege, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: State the privilege.

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: Yesterday something happened which I think was quite unfortunate, and before we get into the afternoon's work I would like to comment upon it, if I may.

I regret that the governor saw fit to make a public statement which, it seems to me, besmirches the name, and reputation of each of the delegates, since he did not specify to whom he referred. He referred to the Convention.

I would like to satisfy the governor that there are dozens of honorable persons here who could not possibly have been approached, and you would only have to stand here for a moment, and he would only have to stand here for a moment, to know that the vast majority of the delegates here could not possibly have been approached any more than Ceasar's wife could have been.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Murray, you are on the air, but it is not being recorded.

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: I have no desire that it be recorded.

THE PRESIDENT: I assume you do want to be heard.

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: I do want to be heard.

THE PRESIDENT: Then you will have to hold the microphone close to your mouth.

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: Among those who are here are men who have decades of honorable public service behind them. There are also private citizens here who have come down off their private perches because they felt this was an opportunity to render a service.

And it seems to me that for anyone speaking from the eminence of the governorship, it is most unfortunate, most unfair and not helpful toward the acceptance of the final document to have him say this.

To specifically, sir, belittle the efforts of such a gathering, reminds me that he who steals my purse gets but trash; but he who pilfers my good name, and that of the delegates here, robs us of that which enriches him not but impoverishes us.

Thank you, sir.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sosnowski.

DELEGATE SOSNOWSKI: Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

THE PRESIDENT: State the privilege.

DELEGATE SOSNOWSKI: I would like to welcome a brave soul who has ventured all the way from Baltimore County to witness our proceedings here, Mrs. Steinberg, cousin of Senator Steinberg.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. We are delighted to have her here.

(Applause.)

DELEGATE GRANT: Mr. Chairman, I would like to welcome the delegates to a typical Garrett County winter day.

THE PRESIDENT: I hope that is an exaggerated statement, because I had understood that a typical Garrett County day was a foot of snow that stayed for a month.