

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Roll call.

*(Whereupon the roll call was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The Clerk will record the roll call. There being a quorum present, the Convention is now in session.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, the delegates will note on the daily calendar and agenda that provision is made today for election of successor delegates to two vacancies, which we understand will be announced by the President. That involves a suspension of the rules, first so that the selection committees may be appointed without waiting a second day, another so that the selection committees may meet during this session; another so that the report of the selection committees may not be required to lay over for three days. By doing this, we will be able to elect the successors today instead of having a six or seven-day delay. Therefore, Mr. President, I move that the rules be suspended so that this may be accomplished, and that the daily calendar and agenda be approved.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second to the motion? Delegate Scanlan?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. President, in view of the fact that the procedure that we asked be suspended are steps in the election of delegates to fill vacancies and in order that there be no dispute about the credentials of those who may ultimately be selected to fill those vacancies, I respectfully request that Delegate Powers' motion to suspend the rules be put to a roll call vote.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call vote is called for, and will be granted by the Chair.

The question arises on the motion of Delegate Powers to approve the calendar and agenda to suspend the rules; to permit the President to announce the resignations of two delegates; to permit the President to appoint selection committees to make nominations to fill the vacancies caused by such resignations; to permit the selection committees to meet while this Convention is in progress; to report at this session of the Convention and to permit the Convention to elect successors to the resigned delegates.

*(There was no response.)*

Is there any discussion? Roll call. Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 130 votes in the affirmative and two in the negative, the motion carries.

The Chair is pleased to recognize on behalf of the Convention quite a few visitors from the public in the gallery, and particularly some 200 teachers who are Social Studies teachers in Anne Arundel County, and Dr. William H. Shannon, who is the Social Studies Supervisor in Anne Arundel County. We are delighted to have you.

At this time the Chair desires to announce the appointment of the following delegates to escort the Governor to the Chamber to address the Convention: Delegates Abramson, Adkins, James, Malkus.

I received this morning a written resignation of Delegate Herbert R. O'Connor. I will ask the Clerk to read that resignation.

READING CLERK: "To the Honorable H. Vernon Eney, President, Constitutional Convention, State House, Annapolis, Maryland: Dear Mr. President: Confirming my letter of September 26, 1967, I hereby tender my resignation as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Sincerely yours, Herbert R. O'Connor, Jr., Representative to the 22nd Session of the General Assembly."

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair designates the following delegates as the Selection Committee to nominate a successor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Delegate O'Connor: The Selection Committee, Honorable G. Maxwell Armor, Jr., Chairman, Delegates C. Meredith Boyce, John C. Byrnes, Francis X. Gallagher, Charney L. Harris, Anne D. Hopkins, Frank C. Robey, Jr.

I wish further to announce that in anticipation of this action, as soon as I received Delegate O'Connor's resignation this morning, I advised the selection committee that I have just named that I would name them, and requested them to have an informal meeting in anticipation of their being named to select a successor in anticipation of the suspension of the rules by the Convention to permit them to report. In view of the fact that the rules have been suspended, the selection committee may retire to consider their report.