

"Mr. Ritter served two years in the South Pacific with the U S. Army during World War II. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elk and the Masonic bodies of Cumberland. He is married to the former Margaret Courtney of Cumberland, and the couple are the parents of two married daughters, Mrs. Barbara V. Olson and Mrs. Charlotte L. Gregg, both now residents of Hyattsville."

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Harold K. Ritter, of Allegany County, has been nominated as a delegate to the Convention from Allegany County to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Ralph Webster. Delegate Beall has moved election of Mr. Ritter. Is there a second?

DELEGATE MOSNER: Second the nomination.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Weidemyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: I would like to second the motion.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I respectfully request, sir, that on the motion the matter be put on a roll call vote since we are setting a precedent. We want to do it quite properly.

THE PRESIDENT: The request will be granted.

Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the motion to elect Mr. Harold K. Ritter of Allegany County as a delegate from that county to this Convention to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honorable Ralph R. Webster. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the election of Mr. Ritter.

*(Roll call vote taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Have all delegates voted?

Do any delegates desire to change their vote?

*(There was no response.)*

If not, the Clerk will record the vote.

There being 127 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion carries.

Mr. Harold K. Ritter is elected as the Delegate from Allegany County.

Delegate Boyce.

DELEGATE BOYCE: Mr. President, it is with regret that Delegate Armor is not here this afternoon. He is a pall bearer at a funeral at two o'clock of a very close friend of his.

Secondly, I think I represent all of the Members of the third legislative district in Baltimore City when I point out that we are losing from our membership a distinguished son of a distinguished citizen of the State of Maryland, the Honorable Herbert R. O'Connor. He has been a credit to this State, and he would have been a credit to this Constitutional Convention, but he has been asked by the President of the United States to serve as United States alternate delegate for our mission to the United Nations, and he has felt that this is what he would like to do.

I would like to move at this time, before turning over the announcement of our nominee to one other member of the delegation, a resolution of regret from the Convention be sent to the Honorable Herbert R. O'Connor, Jr.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(Motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

The question arises on the motion that the Convention send the Honorable Herbert R. O'Connor its regrets that he has found it necessary to resign as a Delegate to this Convention.

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

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

DELEGATE BOYCE:

Mr. President, the Select Committee has met, and it is with pleasure that I ask Delegate Hopkins to please make the nominating speech.

THE PRESIDENT: Does the Chief Page have the copies of the report?

Will you please distribute them?

Delegate Hopkins.