

Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. Chairman, I again request a roll call vote.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion?

The question arises on the election of Mrs. Agnes White Smith as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention for the third district of Baltimore City to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Honorable Herbert R. O'Connor, Jr.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the election of Mrs. Smith.

*(Roll call vote was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Have all the delegates voted now? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

If not, the Clerk will record the vote.

There being 129 votes in the affirmative, none in the negative, the motion carries. Mrs. Agnes White Smith is declared elected as the delegate from the Third District of Baltimore City.

Delegate Vecera.

DELEGATE VECERA: Mr. President, I would like to request at this time that the newly appointed delegates to this Convention—I see one sitting in the gallery—be invited to sit for the remainder of the session with us this afternoon.

THE PRESIDENT: I would be delighted to do that. I do not know who is in the gallery. Are they behind me?

DELEGATE VECERA: I see Delegate Ritter sitting there. I congratulate him. I would like to have him sit with us for the remainder of the afternoon. We have a seat available for him.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Ritter, you will come down to the floor.

We will be glad to receive him and introduce him to the Convention.

DELEGATE VECERA: Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Is Mrs. Smith by any chance in the gallery?

While we are waiting for that, it gives me pleasure to inform you that the very lovely floral display on the rostrum is placed there by Delegate Dorothy Scott Murray. We thank her for that.

DELEGATE BEALL: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Beall.

DELEGATE BEALL: A parliamentary inquiry. I did not know that Delegate Ritter was in Annapolis. I am delighted he is here, and I would like to ask if it would be in order to have him sworn in this afternoon?

THE PRESIDENT: I think it would be. We will do so at the end of the proceedings, if I can seek him out and get the oath administered. We will do that.

Delegate Beall, I think it would be very appropriate if you would bring Mr. Ritter to the well of the chamber and introduce him to the Convention.

DELEGATE BEALL: Mr. President, fellow delegates, for your personal inspection, I present our newly elected delegate who you so graciously have elected. I want to introduce to you Mr. Harold Ritter, and I ask that he be sworn in this afternoon.

Mr. Ritter. *(Applause.)*

MR. RITTER: Thank you, Mr. President and fellow delegates. It will be indeed a pleasure and a distinct honor to serve this State. I am sorry that we have to lose such a distinguished and able delegate as Mr. Webster from Allegany County, but I will do my best, although I have large shoes to fill. I will be here working for the best interests of the State of Maryland with you.

Thank you. *(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: If you will step up to the rostrum, I will be glad to administer the oath.

Will you raise your right hand, please?

THE PRESIDENT: I, Harold K. Ritter—

DELEGATE RITTER: I, Harold K. Ritter—

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of Maryland—

DELEGATE RITTER: Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of Maryland—

THE PRESIDENT: Do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States—

DELEGATE RITTER: Do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States—

THE PRESIDENT: And that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland—