

DELEGATE BEALL: Mr. President, it is my very sad duty to inform my colleagues that the recently elected Ralph R. Webster died this morning, and in respect, I ask that the delegates stand for a moment in a silent prayer for the repose of his soul.

THE PRESIDENT: All present stand.

*(Whereupon the President and delegates present observed a moment of silent prayer for the recently deceased Delegate Webster.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any delegates now present who were not present at roll call who desire to report their presence?

*(There was no response.)*

THE PRESIDENT: If not, the Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move we adjourn until 2:00 P.M. tomorrow.

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

*(Whereupon, at 4:29 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 3, 1967.)*

## PLENARY SESSION

OCTOBER 3, 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 Bernard A. Jennings of St. John's Episcopal Church, Havre de Grace, Maryland, Harford County; and I am pleased to inform you that Reverend Jennings is the pastor of your Second Vice-President, Delegate James.

REVEREND JENNINGS: Almighty God, we give Thee thanks for this great land of ours and particularly for the great heritage in the State of Maryland. We call upon Thee, now, to guide, by Thy Holy Spirit, those unto whom we have entrusted the task of rewriting our Constitution. Keep ever before them their responsibility to preserve our freedom and at the same time, the need for restraint. Save them from the

temptation of putting selfish and personal interests ahead of the welfare of the whole state and all its people. Save them from error, ignorance, or prejudice and imbue them with a spirit of cooperation, fairness, and wisdom that the product of their hard work may be a Constitution which saves the best of the past and present. Remove what is outmoded and unnecessary; provide the best means for the governing of our state and our fast-changing future. May they be guided to provide the necessary flexibility for the sake of the future which advances so rapidly. At the same time we give Thee thanks for the sacrifice of these delegates of long hours and tedious work and ask that Thou wilt arouse the many complacent and unconcerned citizens to the lasting importance of this Convention. We ask it all in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

*(The roll call was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dukes, Delegate Fornos, Delegate Hanson, Delegate Penniman, Delegate Rollins, Delegate Schloeder. The Clerk will record the roll call.

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

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

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, the Committee on Calendar and Agenda is informed that under Item 7, Resolution No. 10 will be offered relating to the death of Delegate Ralph Webster. I move that the rules be suspended so that Resolution No. 10 in its appropriate place on the agenda may be considered today, without laying over, and I further move that the Calendar and Agenda be adopted.

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: It has been suggested to the Chair that inasmuch as a suspension of the rules requires the majority of the whole number of elected delegates, that whenever we have a motion for suspension of rules that there be a roll call vote. We will follow that practice from then on. The question arises on the motion to approve the calendar and suspend the rules to permit discussion and consideration at this session of Resolution No. 10.

*(A roll call vote was taken.)*