

PLENARY SESSION

OCTOBER 5, 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 Halsey M. Cook, Director of Old St. Paul's Church in Baltimore City. Reverend Cook.

REVEREND COOK: Let Us Pray:

Most gracious Father, we humbly beseech Thee, as for the people in Maryland in general, so especially for the people here assembled, that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, to the safety, honor, and welfare of Thy people that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors upon the best and surest foundations. That peace and happiness, truth and justice, may be established among us for all generations. Save us from all error, ignorance, pride and prejudice, and of Thy mercy, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify and govern us in Thy work by Thy mighty power.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll Call.

(Whereupon the roll call was taken.)

THE PRESIDENT: Delegates Abramson, Bard, Boyce, Cardin, Case, Chabot, Freedlander, Hanson, Koss, Maurer, B. Miller, Moser, Needle, Rosenstock, Sherbow, Singer, Sollins, Stern, Storm, Ritter, and Willis.

The Clerk will record the roll call.

A quorum being present, the Convention is in session. The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move we approve the Calendar and Agenda for today.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

The motion is that the Calendar and Agenda circulated be approved. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary,

No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered. The calendar is approved.

Reports of standing committees. We have on the agenda today for consideration the Seventh Report of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget. That is the report that was filed yesterday and has to do with Motion No. 2, referred to the Committee on Rules on September 27. The Clerk will read the report.

READING CLERK: The Seventh Report of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget, October 4, 1967. The Committee on Rules has considered Motion No. 2, introduced by Delegates Johnson and Rybczynski, on September 27, 1967. The Committee recommends that Motion No. 2, both in its original form and in a modified form subsequently suggested by its sponsors, not be adopted by the Convention.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate Scanlan, Chairman of the Committee, and suggests that you come forward to present the Report.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. President, fellow delegates: I have the honor to present the Seventh Report of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget. The report deals with and recommends unfavorably with respect to Motion No. 2, which was introduced by Delegates Johnson and Rybczynski on September 27, 1967. As originally introduced, their proposal was an amendment to Rule 28A [30]*, and for the benefit of those who might not have Rule 28A [30] immediately in front of them, that rule provides, except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates present and voting, the Committee of the Whole will receive no final report of a substantive committee after November 17, 1967.

You will recall that the amendment was adopted as an attempt to insure that under the statutory deadline under which this Convention operates, that the various substantive committees will have completed most of their work by that date, so that the Committee of the Whole can get on to the debate.

Motion No. 2 in its original form would have provided a ten day delay between the filing of the majority report and the opportunity to file a minority report.

**The number in brackets refers to the final number assigned to the rule in the Rules of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland.*