

session, that the members of that very fine Committee do not appear to wear horns any longer. We had a very fine session, and I just felt that this should be recorded in the light of the statement that was made by Chairman Kiefer yesterday.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further announcements? Mrs. Mitchell?

DELEGATE MITCHELL: Mr. Chairman, on Monday of this week, there came a letter from an eighth grade pupil to the Convention. A very gracious letter went to the writer from the Chief Clerk's office, as a result of which this eighth grader was excused from her classes today. She got another pupil to come with her, and they are our guests, observing our Convention activities. I have explained to Miss Rochelle Woodland, the writer of the letter, and to her friend, Miss Denise Lewis, that much of the constructive work we shall do here will benefit her and her generation most; but in addition, I have assured her that she and her friend are very important to us because the young people of this State, while they cannot vote, they can get their parents and the adults in their neighborhood to vote for this document that we shall finally form.

Miss Woodland and Miss Lewis are in the balcony. I will ask them to stand. Miss Woodland, Rochelle Woodland, will you stand, and Miss Lewis?

THE PRESIDENT: We are delighted to have both of them here. *(Applause.)*

Are there any further announcements?

(There was no response.)

Are there any delegates present now who were not present at roll call who desire to record their presence? Delegate Storm?

DELEGATE STORM: I wish my presence to be noted.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Ritter?

DELEGATE RITTER: I desire to be recorded as present.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other delegates who desire to indicate their presence?

(There was no response.)

If not, the Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I am pleased to announce that one of the

members of the research staff of the Convention, Mr. Charles L. Williams, was married on Saturday, September 30. He returned to his duties with the Convention on Monday morning, October 2. I am sure we all join in extending our hearty congratulations to him, and best wishes to the bride. We also hope that the interrupted honeymoon may be resumed immediately after this Convention adjourns sine die.

I move that we adjourn until tomorrow at 2:00 P.M.

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

(Whereupon, at 2:53 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, October 6, 1967.)

PLENARY SESSION

OCTOBER 6, 1967 — 2:00 P.M.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
JAMES CLARK, PRESIDING

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: The Sergeant-at-Arms will clear the aisles and close the doors.

The Convention will now come to order.

The invocation today will be given by Father George B. Moeller, St. Jane Frances Catholic Church, Riviera Beach, Maryland.

REVEREND MOELLER: Almighty and Everlasting God, Our Father, as we begin this session of the Constitutional Convention we call upon your name. We thank you first of all for the great gift you have bestowed upon us as citizens of the United States of America and of the State of Maryland. We ask You to remain with us always. We implore You to guide and direct the delegates of this convention as they work for the betterment of our state and the welfare of the people. Oh, God, may our Constitutional Convention be filled with your wisdom and understanding; may it truly reflect Your Justice and Charity toward one and all.

Amen.

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Thank you.

We will now have the roll call.

(Whereupon the roll call was taken.)