

Methodist Church, Ellicott City, Maryland.  
Reverend Mitzel.

REVEREND MITZEL: Let us unite in prayer.

Oh, Eternal God, bless us as we assemble here this day. Oh, Thou, Who hast established the laws of the world, bless these delegates as they attempt to establish the laws of our Free State. May Thy Spirit rest upon each delegate here assembled for this historic convention.

Grant that each may be blessed by insight, vision, and courage. Insight to see those problems that lie at the root of our confused and troubled times, vision to be aware of the opportunities that lie before this convention, courage to work for those laws which will be in harmony with Thy Will. Oh, unseen Spirit that looks into the hearts of all men, lift us up. Lift us above party politics and petty selfishness and perverse prejudice that we may attune our lives, our thinking, and our decisions to Thy Holy Will. That from this convention shall come forth a document that will be both pleasing to the citizens of our State and in harmony with Thy great purposes.

Oh, Thou Who hast revealed Thy love in the suffering servant, help us to be conscious of our opportunity to serve You through this Convention. May each one be filled with the new spirit of greatness that comes through true service to one's fellow man. Oh, Thou, Who art the Father of all mankind and the ultimate judge of all the acts of men, help these delegates so to order our Constitutional Convention that they may hear through eternity Thy words "Well, done, Thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of the Lord."

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

*(Whereupon the roll call was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Have all delegates answered the roll call?

*(There was no response.)*

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, I move today's calendar and agenda be adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

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

Are there any reports of standing committees? If not, the next item on the agenda is introduction and first reading of proposals. There are only four proposals today, Numbers 365 to 368.

Before reading those, I wish to re-refer two other proposals. At my request, Proposal No. 216 has been returned by the Committee on General Provisions. I now re-refer it to the Committee on Suffrage and Elections. Please mark your copy. No. 216.

At my request Proposal No. 279 has been returned by the Committee on Suffrage and Elections. I re-refer it to the Committee on the Legislative Branch. 279 on Suffrage and Elections to the Committee on the Legislative Branch.

You have on your desk memoranda to accompany Delegate Proposal Nos. 140 and 145.

Delegate Proposal No. 365. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 365, by Delegate Gilchrist. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that the salary and allowances of members of the General Assembly shall be as prescribed by law but such salary shall not be less than \$6,500.00 per year; that an additional salary equal to one-half of the base salary prescribed by law shall be paid to the president of the Senate and to the speaker of the House; that additional salaries to the chairmen of committees of each house may be prescribed by law; and that the compensation of members shall not be altered during the term in which such change shall be enacted.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 365 is referred to the Committee on the Legislative Branch. You should have a memorandum by Delegate Gilchrist accompanying that proposal.

Delegate Proposal No. 366. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 366, by Delegate Frederick. Title,