

like to move that the nominations be closed and the Secretary cast a ballot, a unanimous ballot.

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor of the motion that the nominations be closed say Aye. Opposed, No. The Ayes seem to have it. The Ayes have it. The Honorable J. Millard Tawes is elected by acclamation as Honorary President.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, the first order of business, which may not be quite so simple. I would like to review once again the procedure which we plan to follow in the hope that we can gain simplicity of operation. The Chair will ask that those nominators who seek to place a name in nomination for permanent presiding officer stand and we shall then record their names alphabetically and, after these are recorded, we shall then call upon them alphabetically.

We will ask the nominator to come to the desk and use the microphone at the desk, so he will be able to make his nomination in a prominent place in the room and there will be two seconds and the two seconds will speak from their desks. I think that should be fairly clear.

At this time, the Chair would like to ask those who will place names in nomination for permanent presiding officer to stand and I will ask the Secretary to record the names.

DELEGATE O'CONNOR: Mr. Chairman, is it proper to ask a parliamentary question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

DELEGATE O'CONNOR: I am not prepared to make a speech. I merely want to make sure that the gentleman I hope to vote for is nominated.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think I know who you are for and I think he is going to be nominated.

DELEGATE O'CONNOR: I did not wish to take anything for granted.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Powers and Delegate Sybert. Are there any other nominators?—This is a new word for me, nominators. I have to roll it around my tongue a little.

The Chair now has in hand the names of Delegates Buzzell, O'Connor, Powers, and Sybert. Are there any other nominators? All right, that will close that.

Since the first nominator alphabetically is Delegate Buzzell, the Chair feels restrained at this time to turn the Chair over to Speaker Mandel, Alternate Temporary Chairman. I happen to know who he is going to nominate.

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: I cannot understand where you learned that. Delegate Buzzell, will you please approach the rostrum. As each nominee and nominator, steps up, will you please give your name and the county or city you represent, so the Secretary can record it.

DELEGATE BUZZELL: Delegate Buzzell, Baltimore County.

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: You may proceed.

DELEGATE BUZZELL: Mr. President, fellow delegates of this Maryland Constitutional Convention: I should like to place in nomination for President of this Convention the name of the Honorable William S. James, Delegate from Harford County, as one eminently qualified to serve in this capacity. William S. James will bring to this extremely important position the combined abilities of an able lawyer with a broad knowledge and understanding of basic human rights and an experienced legislator with five years of service as presiding officer of our Maryland Senate.

He is a life-long resident of Harford County. After attending the University of Delaware, he received his degree in law from the University of Maryland Law School in 1937, where he was a top scholar throughout his attendance. After admission to the bar in October of the same year, he entered general practice in his native Harford County. His wide experience in this 30 years as a practicing attorney has brought him into direct contact with all levels of our judicial system. His membership and professional organizations include the American, Maryland State and Harford County Bar Associations, American Trial Lawyers Association, National Institute of Municipal Law Officers and the American Judicatory Society.

Delegate James was elected to the House of Delegates of the General Assembly from Harford County in 1947, and continued to serve in that capacity until 1954. In 1955, he was elected as State Senator from Harford County and was elected President of the Senate in 1963, and again in 1967. The experience gained in this office would be extremely valuable to the President of this