

meet on Monday at 12:30 P.M. At 1:00 P.M. as a special order of business, the proponents of Delegate Proposal No. 359 will appear before the committee to testify with respect to that proposal.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. President, the Committee on State Finance and Taxation has made a series of decisions with respect to proposals before that committee and these decisions have been filed with the various offices here. In each instance a very short statement is attached giving the reasons for the decision. In addition, each person who has filed a proposal is being given notice of the action of the committee, so that they will not have to come to the committee in order to find out what has happened. We are continuing with our meetings, and again I remind you that on Tuesday there will be a large meeting dealing with the subject of agricultural assessments. If you have people who want to be heard on any of the sides of this matters, please let us know so we will know how to schedule that day's hearing.

THE PRESIDENT: Any further announcements by committee chairmen? Any announcements by any delegates? Any delegates present now who were absent at roll call who desire to note their presence? If not, the Chair recognizes Delegate Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move we adjourn until 4:00 P.M. on Monday.

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

*(Whereupon, at 3:35 P.M., the Convention adjourned to reconvene at 4:00 P.M. on Monday, October 16, 1967.)*

## PLENARY SESSION

OCTOBER 16, 1967 — 4:00 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 William Fleming of the

Hazelwood Baptist Church in Baltimore City. Reverend Fleming.

REVEREND FLEMING: Shall We Pray:

Oh, Most Heavenly Father, Who hast created and hast the power to control the destinies of nations, we praise Thy name for the many precious blessings Thou hast placed upon us physically and mentally and spiritually. We ask that Thy blessings may continue upon us. Touch our hearts and enrich our lives. Be with our leaders in our Nation's Capitol as well as here in our State Capitol. Be with those around the world who are protecting those rights which we cherish. Be with our Governor, also, Father, and bless him and us at this hour.

We pray especially for these men and women of the Constitutional Convention. Guide them to preserve and enlarge those principles that have made us a privileged people. May Thy Will be done here. May Thy program be carried out above party lines and beyond time and circumstances for the good of our State and for the welfare of our people.

We ask it in our Lord and Saviour's name.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

Have all delegates indicated their presence?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will please record roll call.

*(Whereupon the roll call was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: 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 we approve the daily calendar and agenda.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

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

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce to you that the Honorable C. H.