

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Style will meet at 8:00 P.M. this evening.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other announcements by committee chairmen?

(There was no response.)

Are there any other announcements by other delegates?

(There was no response.)

All delegates present now who were not present at roll call may indicate their presence on supplemental roll call.

The Clerk will record the supplemental roll call.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to invite the Convention's attention to the fact that there will be no debate by me on the amendment which is coming before you on second reading of section 3.17 of the Legislative Committee, but I do ask you to read the memorandum this weekend if you have time to reflect on it and do some free thinking here. It is a wonderful idea. Thank you very much for the opportunity.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there other announcements?

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers. Please remain in your seats a moment.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move we adjourn until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday. I do not recall what the announcement was.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair wants to point out that this means we will have a session Tuesday night. We have definitely determined that we will recess for Christmas by Thursday dinner hour. There is much to be done. This may mean a session Wednesday night so that you will definitely have a session Tuesday afternoon, Tuesday night, Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, maybe Wednesday Night, Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon, but not Thursday night nor for several days thereafter.

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

(Whereupon, at 7:40 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 19, 1967.)

PLENARY SESSION

DECEMBER 19, 1967—2:10 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 will be offered by the Reverend Howard M. Amoss, Easton District Superintendent of the Methodist Church from Easton, Maryland. He is Delegate Marvin Smith's minister.

Reverend Amoss.

REVEREND AMOSS: Our Heavenly Father, we stand to recognize that the whole earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein. As flowers turn their faces to the sun, help us to turn to Thee. As trees draw their life from the bounty of earth and sky, help us to draw upon the holiness of Thy presence. Help us to know that Thou, whose eye is ever upon the sparrow, art ever watching over this Constitutional Convention.

O giver of all gifts, make these delegates equal to the serious and historic demands upon them. Make them to become answers to the many problems they face. Make their best vision of mercy and truth so real that they will follow the highest and give their best. Imbue them with the insight to read Thy purposes in the facts and the events before them. Lead them to follow a lasting faith in mankind even when it is not given man to see all the way. Grant that they may be given the glory of lighted minds to think out a worthy Constitution, serving with skill and anointed with Thy concern. Grant them daily hope and courage, eyes to see, ears to hear, walking before Thee in the way of Thy laws and the words of Thy Commandments.

O Divine Providence, guide our State and our Nation. Deliver us from evil, turn us from pitfalls and keep us on the highway of a righteous vocation, until our work is truly done. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, from ages to ages, and sealed in truth. In Thy Spirit we pray. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

(Whereupon, the roll was called.)

THE PRESIDENT: Has every delegate answered the roll call?