

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Pullen?

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. President, out of my deep reverence for the protection of our heritage, being a free people and myself being a teacher, I am compelled to call attention to our colleagues to the importance of October 19. In the little hamlet of Yorktown, Virginia, where my father preached slightly more than fifty years ago, and where I, as a boy used to swim in the waters of the York, on October 19, 1781, Charles Lord Cornwallis surrendered to George Washington, who shortly thereafter came to this building, surrendered his commission to enter civilian life, and then later proceeded to be President of the Constitutional Convention, and in this very building, the first call of that Convention took place. Sir, I would like to say that this is a sacred day, and this State House a holy place.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Dr. Pullen.

Are there any other announcements?

(There was no response.)

THE PRESIDENT: Any delegates present now who were not present at roll call who desire to indicate their presence? Delegate Miller, Beatrice Miller?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: I wish to indicate my presence.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other delegates present now who were not present at roll call?

(There was no response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move we adjourn until 2:00 P.M. tomorrow.

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

(Whereupon, at 2:15 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, October 20, 1967.)

PLENARY SESSION

OCTOBER 20, 1967—2:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Sergeant-at-Arms will clear the aisles and close the door.

The Convention will please come to order.

The invocation today will be offered by the Reverend Lyle B. Buck of the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County in Ellicott City. Reverend Buck.

REVEREND BUCK: Let Us Pray:

Oh, God, Our Father, we pause for a moment of prayer at the outset of today's session. We ask Thy blessing on each delegate and the constitutional document over which they labor. Help each delegate to be rich in the attitude of spirit that will nurture a great and ordered framework for our state. Imbue them with new impetus to preserve our heritage of liberty, freedom, truth, justice, faith, and life. Grant, we pray, unto each delegate, consistent humility so that as they come together they might truly listen to and hear one another. Help them to be alert to the ramifications of sincere, oftentimes opposing positions. May each have the grace to resist the temptation of yielding to temporary desire at the expense of permanent value. Guide Thy servants, we pray, to use their cooperative wisdom in distinguishing between that which is essential and that which is peripheral and so prosper them to fulfill with integrity that which was given to them by the people of Maryland so that the rich heritage that we have received from our forefathers may be strengthened through this day's action for generations yet to come. We offer this petition in the name of our Lord.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

(Whereupon the roll call was taken.)

THE PRESIDENT: Have all delegates answered the roll call? 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 we adopt today's calendar.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion?