

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order.

The invocation today will be offered by the Reverend John W. Holland of the Full Gospel Baptist Church at Cooksville, Howard County, Maryland. Reverend Holland.

REVEREND HOLLAND: May we bow our heads:

Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for giving us this opportunity to come into Your Presence. We thank Thee, Father, for answered prayers and for the patience as shown with Thy children through all generations. Even though we have often been disobedient and unfaithful, Thou hast bestowed upon us that which has helped us become the greatest nation on earth. As we go through this crucial period of our history, we ask Your Divine Guidance for our President Lyndon Johnson, and his Cabinet. We ask also, Thy blessing upon Governor Agnew and for the members of the legislature and upon these men and women who have set out to rewrite the Constitution of the beautiful State of Maryland. Give them, Father, the knowledge and ability that they may be able to write such language into this Constitution that future generations will have a guide. We pray Thy blessing, Oh, God, upon all mankind.

As we go forward in this life, give us a deeper love for humanity. Help us to go forward in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in Whose name we ask this and all other blessings.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

*(Whereupon a 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 the adoption of today's calendar.

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

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

Reports of other standing committees. There is a report from the Committee on

Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget. The Clerk will read the report.

READING CLERK: Committee Report No. R&C-11 by the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget. Report regarding the Convention budget.

THE PRESIDENT: This report is referred to the Committee on Calendar and Agenda. It is being duplicated and should be here before the Convention adjourns. If not, it will be on your desk in the committee rooms first thing tomorrow morning. Are there any other reports of standing committees? I understand the report is being distributed now. No other committee reports.

Next time is introduction and first reading of proposals. Before we come to that I call your attention to the fact that there has been distributed today a memorandum to accompany Delegate Proposal No. 250, memorandum by Delegate Bard. The record of today equals that of last Friday. There is just one delegate proposal offered today, Delegate Proposal No. 401.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 401, by Delegates Gallagher, Scanlan, and Bard. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that no law shall be enacted respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 401 is referred to the Committee on Personal Rights and the Preamble.

Are there any motions or resolutions?

*(There was no response.)*

If not, we move on to announcements. I have just a very few. I want to call to your attention the fact that under the announcement made last Thursday, I think it was, the time within which proposals must be filed in order to guarantee to the delegate an opportunity to be heard by the committee expires one week from today. I gather that from the way the proposals have dwindled off in the past few days that all delegates have just about filed or introduced all proposals they desire to introduce. If you have in mind one more that you want to introduce, may I urge you to do so within the next day or two.

The film, "The Mighty Oak," is going to be shown to the Committee on General Provisions, 15 minutes after adjournment of this session in room S-9, in the basement of the Court of Appeals Building. It will