

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:  
Chairman of Suffrage and Elections.

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. President, the Committee on Suffrage and Elections will meet 15 minutes after the adjourning of this meeting and tomorrow morning at ten.

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:  
Chairman of the Legislative Branch.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, the Committee on the Legislative Branch will meet immediately after the session and again tonight at 7:45 P.M. and tomorrow morning at 9:30 A.M. At 4:00 P.M. tomorrow afternoon we have seven major items upon which we shall begin final balloting. We will stay throughout the evening to complete these matters.

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:  
Chairman of the Committee on Publicity.

DELEGATE DULANY: Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Public Information will meet promptly tomorrow morning at 9:00 A.M.

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:  
Committee on General Provisions.

DELEGATE BOYER: The Committee on General Provisions will meet immediately after this session to continue and complete, hopefully, any unfinished business on militia. We will then take up the matter of voting and discussions on oaths. We will continue again tomorrow morning at 10:00 A.M.

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:  
The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Rules Committee.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: The Committee on Rules will meet tomorrow at 12:00 noon to consider this last matter of form of amendments to committee recommendations to the Committee of the Whole. When that's out of the way, we will have our last report, hopefully, and can pass off into welcome oblivion.

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:  
Are there any other announcements? Does anyone wish to record his presence?

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. President, I am here.

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:  
Did you announce your name?

DELEGATE GLEASON: Gleason. I would like to record my presence.

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:  
Just want to make sure it's on the tape.

The Chair recognizes the Chairman of Calendar and Agenda.

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

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:  
All those in favor, say Aye; opposed, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

*(Whereupon, at 3:40 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 25, 1967.)*

## PLENARY SESSION

OCTOBER 25, 1967—2:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,  
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order.

The invocation today will be offered by the Reverend Herbert S. Costain of St. James Episcopal Church, Indian Head, Maryland, Charles County. Reverend Costain.

REVEREND COSTAIN: May We Bow Our Heads As We Seek Guidance:

Almighty Father, by Whose Heavenly Guidance our fathers won the liberties of old, we thank Thee for the great country in which we are privileged to work and live. We hold before Thee our constant prayer for all the brave men who carry the standard for us in distant places across the sea. We pray that Thou will be a close comfort for those who are wounded and are called upon to die. We ask that Thou wilt dwell in their hearts. We ask Thy blessing upon the delegates to the Constitutional Convention that they may be given wisdom and understanding far above merely human ability. We pray that, thus guided, they can together build a structure for the equitable governing of this state. We pray that it will be a structure worthy of the men who are fighting and dying to preserve our democratic form of government. Give these delegates the courage and patience and high resolve to do a job worthy of Thy blessing. Help them, Dear Lord, to formulate a framework of government which will give due representation to every legitimate interest while at the same time, standing firm against all undue pressure from groups seeking only their own selfish interest.