

said before, his experience in the legislature, his presiding over innumerable committees over a long period of years, his experience and, above all, his sound judgment, together with the natural drive that he is endowed with, will make him an outstanding and excellent presiding officer of this Convention.

I, therefore, with great pride and fervor, place in nomination for the high office of President the name of Senator James Clark, Jr., of Howard County.

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: The name of James Clark, Jr., has been placed in nomination. Any seconds? The Chair recognizes Delegate Linton.

DELEGATE LINTON: Perhaps, in behalf of the candidacy of James Clark, I would like to say the rules of government and the qualities of leadership that were demonstrated 23 years ago, Mr. Clark was a member of the armed forces who dropped behind enemy lines and the successful completion of his missions are a proven tribute to his leadership and good judgment. It is my privilege to have served with then Delegate Clark in this chamber in 1959 through 1962. His fair considerations and wise decisions commanded the respect of every member of the legislature. James Clark has a rural background, from Howard County, with Baltimore City on one side, with Washington, D.C., to the south and with a new Columbia City in his front yard. He knows the problems of rural Maryland and America and he knows the problems of the urban development.

James Clark was elected to the Senate, as has been expressed before. He served four years in the Senate from Howard County. He now represents the senatorial districts of Howard and Montgomery County. His honesty, integrity are beyond question. His proven leadership ability will be a credit to this Convention and to the people of Maryland. It is a pleasure for me to second the nomination of James Clark as President of this Convention.

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Any other seconds to the nomination? The Chair recognizes Delegate Boyce.

DELEGATE BOYCE: Mr. President, this past year when the dream of a Convention in Maryland approached reality, I became more and more conscious of choosing a President of this Convention. Later in the spring, once the draft of the Commission became known, it became even more obvious that the choice we make here to-

night was most important for the outcome of this whole Constitution this coming May. We must choose a man of patience, but at the same time a forceful one, who will see that our deliberations this fall and winter move along at a satisfactory pace. We must choose a man who has shown no sectionalism and has reminded us by his own actions that we are here to serve the people of Maryland and not our own self aggrandizement. We must choose a man of experience in Maryland who will furnish the leadership to assure that all of your general points of view are heard in our discussions and our creative document will be approved by the voters of Maryland this May.

Senator James Clark must be our choice and it is my privilege to second his nomination. Thank you.

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: The Chair now understands that the names of William S. James, H. Vernon Eney, and James Clark, Jr., have been placed in nomination. The Chair will ask the Assistant Secretary, the Chief Clerk, and the Assistant Chief Clerk to act as tellers. The Secretary will call the roll. As each name is called, will you please rise and announce the name of the candidate you are voting for. The Secretary will call the roll.

*(At this point there was a roll call.)*

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Will the Convention please come to order, will the delegates please take their seats. The vote for President of the Convention is Eney 65, Clark 38, James 35. There not being a majority, the President is not elected. Chair recognizes the gentleman. Give your name.

DELEGATE GLEASON: I am Jim Gleason from Montgomery County. I move at this time, that the Chair call another roll call vote for the three nominees, and if at the end of the second nomination none of the nominees has a majority, the man with the lowest vote be dropped from the succeeding roll calls.

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: I do not think that your motion would be in order. I think the rules provide that there shall be election until one of the nominees receives a majority.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, then I move to suspend the rules for that purpose.

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