

MAN: The gentleman from Dorchester County.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to oppose this type of shenanigan. That is exactly what it is. In all good faith we adopted these rules. For heavens sake, if they were good a half hour ago, they ought to be good today and now. I have no great interest in who is Chairman of this Convention, President of this Convention, but I believe in honesty and decency in government, and if this Convention is going to go back and forth by suspending the rules, we are going to be in turmoil.

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: As I understand the motion of the gentleman, it was to suspend Rule 3, is it?

DELEGATE GLEASON: That is right, Mr. President.

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: The gentleman moves to suspend Rule 3. A vote Aye suspends the rule, a vote No rejects it. Chair recognizes the gentleman from Baltimore City.

DELEGATE WHITE: Presiding Officer, I rise to insist that we adhere to and do not suspend the rule, that we follow the procedure set out. I thank you.

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Yes, now is on suspension of rules. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, No. Noes seem to have it, Noes have it. Chair recognizes the gentleman from Anne Arundel County.

DELEGATE FORNOS: I move for a ten-minute recess.

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Gentleman moves for a ten-minute recess. A vote Aye will recess the Convention for ten minutes, a vote No will leave the Convention in session. All those in favor, signify, by saying Aye. Opposed, No. The chair is not in doubt.

We will proceed with another roll call for President of the Convention. Three nominees again, Mr. Clark, Mr. Eney, and Mr. James.

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

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: While the tellers are checking these ballots, we will take a short recess.

*(A short recess was taken.)*

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Will the delegates please take their seats. The Convention will please come to

order. Secretary will call the roll to determine the presence of a quorum.

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

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Quorum being present, the Convention is in session. I have been asked by the President pro tem to approach the rostrum.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Speaker, members of the Convention, I would like to move that we name H. Vernon Eney permanent President of the Constitutional Convention by acclamation. *[The vote for President of the Convention was Eney 71, James 36, Clark 32. The tellers had checked the ballots while the Convention was in a ten-minute recess.]*

*(Applause.)*

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: The Convention will please come to order. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Howard County.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to second that motion.

*(Applause.)*

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: I do not think there is need to take a vote on the motion. Under the rules, the gentleman still needs a majority. For the record, we better have a roll call. Call the roll.

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

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Anyone wish to be recorded in the negative? If not, H. Vernon Eney is elected unanimously as the President of the Convention.

*(The vote on the motion was Aye 139, No none.)*

*(Applause.)*

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: The Convention will please come to order. I would like to have Delegate Clark and Delegate James escort Mr. Eney to the rostrum.

Delegate James.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is my final duty as Temporary Chairman to swear in our new permanent presiding officer. It gives me great pleasure to ask Vernon Eney to raise his right hand and repeat after me.

*(H. Vernon Eney thereupon took the oath of office as President of the Constitutional Convention.)*