

The Convention will please come to order.

The invocation today will be offered by the Reverend John C. Chapman of Lexington Park Baptist Church in Saint Mary's County. Reverend Chapman is Delegate Dorsey's pastor.

Reverend Chapman.

REVEREND CHAPMAN: For our nation and our State and our glorious heritage, we lift our hearts unto Thee in gratitude. For all who have lived and believed, who have loved and given of themselves their time, their fortunes, and their lives to make this heritage possible, we are grateful.

Grant unto us, Our Father, a new dedication to the proposition that we shall preserve and shall make it possible for our posterity to have all of the good things that we have received, and now, Father, we invoke Thy blessing upon these who come to plan and to give of themselves in thought, commitment, and dedication, to give us a better constitution. Heighten Thou their thinking, deepen Thou their devotion to the great causes of state, nation, and persons. Grant unto them, Our Father, strengthened wills to do what is necessary. Endow them with the courage, Our Father, that characterized all who helped to build our blessed state and nation. Go with us now and give us divine guidance, in His name, Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Roll call.

*(Whereupon the roll call was taken.)*

Has every delegate answered roll call?

The Clerk will record the roll call.

There being a quorum present, the Convention is in session.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: I have a point of personal privilege. I would like to call to the Convention's attention that Mrs. Chapman, the wife of Reverend Chapman, who just delivered the invocation, is seated in the gallery. I would like for the Convention to give her a warm welcome.

*(Applause.)*

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

DELEGATE BOROM: Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of today's calendar.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)*

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: All in favor signify by saying Aye; contrary No.

The Ayes have it. It is so ordered and the calendar is adopted.

The Chair has a communication.

Delegate Mitchell.

DELEGATE MITCHELL: Mr. President and fellow delegates, I rise to a point of personal privilege.

THE PRESIDENT: State the privilege.

DELEGATE MITCHELL: We have in the balcony cover the podium students from the Pittsfield Elementary School with their vice principal, Mrs. Agatha Oak of Wicomico County and their teachers Mrs. Polk and Mrs. Rayne.

Let us give them a warm welcome also.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: I have a communication which I will ask the Reading Clerk to read.

READING CLERK: "103 Record Street, Frederick, Maryland, January 4, 1968.

"Dear President Eney: It will be appreciated if you will express to the delegates and staff of the Convention my thanks for the Paul Revere colonial skewer. Its clean classic lines make it a lovely modern letter opener. Delegate Barrick delivered this gift to me just before Christmas.

"I enjoy its beauty and usefulness, but it is made much more wonderful to me because all of you found time, in your busy days and nights of dedicated unselfish service to our beloved Free State, to show warm and loving concern for one person. How fortunate this one person is. I will cherish this as long as I live. Sincerely, Mildred R. Storm."

*(Applause.)*

Reports of Committees.

Motions and Resolutions. Resolution No. 27.

The Clerk will read the resolution.