

And very recently:

Great progress has just paved the way
For the Convention to feel kind of gay,
Mr. Eney's elated,
The workload's abated
To 22 hours per day.

And the last that I will read to you:

From Convention I am losing my health,
My sleep, and some of my wealth.
I can't keep awake,
I really do ache,
For January the 12th.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

(Laughter and applause.)

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

Mr. Clerk, you might rise and take a bow.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: I think not having heard to the contrary from Delegate Penniman, and really not desiring to ask him, that we are in a situation to have the third reading copies printed tonight and be available early tomorrow morning.

I want to give everyone a chance to read it through before being called upon for a final vote. I think we can accomplish final votes without undue delay.

The Chair is not advised of any protracted debate likely on third reading. I therefore think we can meet tomorrow afternoon, giving the morning to read over the final copies.

There will be copies here in the chamber. It will be easier for you to come get your copy than it will be for us to look you up. So I would anticipate that barring some problem the copies will be here at 9:00 A.M. Let me suggest to you, however, that in the meantime you have really a complete draft, with very, very few changes.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Borom.

First of all, are there any announcements to be made by committee chairmen?

Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. Chairman, I believe everybody knows this, but it is my understanding that all delegates are supposed to clear their desks in the committee room, because they need these to be readied for the legislature week after next.

THE PRESIDENT: You do not have to do that this afternoon.

Delegate Taylor.

DELEGATE TAYLOR: Mr. President, I have been asked by the back row to determine whether anything we do at the party tonight will be under controlled or uncontrolled time?

THE PRESIDENT: It will be completely uncontrolled.

Are there any further announcements?

The Chair recognizes Delegate Borom.

All delegates not present earlier at the roll call may indicate their presence now at supplemental roll call.

The Clerk will record the supplemental roll call.

Delegate Borom.

DELEGATE BOROM: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adjourn until 1:00 P.M. tomorrow.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

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

The Ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

(Whereupon, at 4:15 P.M., the Convention was adjourned, to reconvene at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 6, 1968.)

PLENARY SESSION

JANUARY 6, 1968—1:20 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Sergeant-at-Arms will clear the aisles and close the doors.

The Convention will please come to order.

I think it is particularly fitting that today the minister to deliver the invocation is the pastor of the man who certainly more than any other delegate in this room is responsible for the existence of this Constitutional Convention. It, therefore, gives me a great deal of personal pleasure to announce that the invocation this morning will be offered by the Reverend Donald Hurst, Immanuel Methodist Church, Crisfield, Somerset County, Governor Tawes' pastor.

REVEREND HURST: Let us pray.

Our God, our Heavenly Father, as the final hours of this State Constitutional Convention rush upon us hear our prayer.