

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Price.

DELEGATE PRICE: I would like to welcome my wife who has been here several times and three of our four children who are also latecomers in the gallery, my son, Benjamin, and two of our daughters, Jennifer and Heather.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Kirkland.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Mr. President, for some time now, whether you realize it or not, some of us have been looking for Rover White.\* There has been quite a bit of communication over in this corner regarding Ginger Dorsey\* and not too long ago, in fact, during the New Year's holidays, I had the privilege of being in the home of one of my constituents, and I found something which I am sure that Judge Dorsey will have use for and this is Rover Pink, not Rover Black.

*(A toy pink poodle was presented to Delegate Dorsey.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: On behalf of Ginger, I want to thank my good friend from Prince George's County for this gift. I shall present it to her in a few hours. I am sure Ginger will not only remember him, but will always remember this Convention.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Schloeder.

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: Will Judge Dorsey yield for a question?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dorsey?

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: By any chance, sir, would you give Ginger your vote on this Convention?

*(Laughter and applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: In reply, I might say that I feel that Ginger will cast her vote with the majority of the people of Saint Mary's County, whatever that might be.

*(Laughter.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. President, we have recognized a number of people,

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\*These are pets of Delegates White and Dorsey.

but I do not think we should let this occasion pass without recognizing whom we might very well call the gracious first lady of this Convention, Mrs. Eney.

*(The Convention arose and applauded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I am sorry to report this, Mr. President, but there has been a complaint from some of the tavern keepers in Annapolis. They are very unhappy about the happy hour. They are accustomed to having it begin at five and not at half past one and they want you to know that.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair has a number of important announcements to make. They will have an effect on the proceedings this afternoon. I will ask you to bear with me and pay very, very close attention. This way we can proceed in an orderly manner without anyone being caught unawares or being disappointed.

Let me say at the outset that the fact that you have on your desk and had available here at nine o'clock this morning the third reading copy of the final text of the constitution and the schedule of transitional provisions was due entirely to the fact that not only did the print shop work around the clock, but that many members of the staff, the secretarial and professional staff, left the State House at 5:00 A.M. this morning. Under this kind of pressure and not withstanding the tremendous efforts which have been made to insure the accuracy of the copy which has been placed before you, it is utterly impossible to give the absolute assurance which we all want that there has not been some typographical error or some slight change overlooked or something included that should not be. Even as this Convention sits to take its final votes, members of the professional staff are again repeating the process of checking, double checking, really quadruple checking, because we are trying to check against four different sources to make sure that we have picked up, the staff, has picked up all of the action of the Convention.

In addition, we have several groups of lawyers entirely independent of the Convention to whom I sent copies last evening of the complete text who are reading through it for a different kind of error and that is not a typographical error or a failure to pick up amendments, but the