

The Chair feels very relieved that the pages conceived the idea of confetti, particularly appropriate constitutional confetti.

I felt very embarrassed at the remarks of Delegate Dorsey and at the approbation which this group gave to me, and I felt also, as I am sure every one of you did, the great solemnity of the occasion. Sometimes tensions become just a little too great, and I think that as a tension reliever, confetti could not be beat. This is not the time for speeches, and after the strain of the past eight hours or more, I do not propose to make one.

I can only say that I sincerely appreciate the statements made by Delegate Dorsey whom I have known personally for many, many years and I am sincerely sorry that he feels as he does about the constitution, but I respect him for his opinion. It is one which he has held for a long time. I disagree heartily with his conclusion as he himself knows. I think every delegate who leaves here this evening can leave here with the feeling of having accomplished for the State of Maryland a tremendous task and one which I am confident the people of the State of Maryland will not only endorse on May 14, 1968, but do so so overwhelmingly that there could not be the slightest question about it.

In addition, I think that each and every delegate can be proud when he leaves here this evening in the realization that he has been playing a terrifically important role in the whole story of constitutional revision in this country, because if Maryland had failed in this endeavor, I think that the whole course of constitutional revision among the states, the course which I believe and all of you know I believe is terrifically important, would be set back fifty years.

Maryland's success on May 14 of which I am so confident as a result of the document which you have adopted, will reverse the trend by which the people in various states have been rejecting constitutional revision in recent years.

A vote has been passed to me to indicate that the confetti did more than break the tension. It completely broke my train of thought because I did not announce the final vote. I do not think I will ever forget those numbers, but I will put them up again anyway.

There being 121 votes in the affirmative and 2 in the negative, the motion is carried. The entire Constitution consisting of the

preamble, the ten articles, the schedule of transitional provisions, and the schedule of legislation is adopted on third and final reading.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, Rule 53 requires that a motion to adjourn the Convention sine die shall not be voted upon until at least forty-eight hours after notice is given to the delegates. Accordingly this will give notice that at the conclusion of the session on Wednesday, January 10, a motion to adjourn the Convention sine die will be made.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any announcements?

No chairmen have committee meetings to announce for tomorrow.

Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Mr. President, are we meeting on Monday?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, we will be meeting at 3:00 P.M. on Monday.

Are there any other announcements?

Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Then I am going to make an announcement. The Committee on the Executive Branch will hold a brief meeting on Monday.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: Likewise, Mr. President. The Judicial Branch will hold a meeting in our regular room on Monday.

THE PRESIDENT: Also in connection with the official film which is being made at this last session, it was our desire to have a film made of a few of the committees in session. I believe that Mr. Moore, the Director of Public Information, has arranged this.

Delegate Gallagher, has he made any arrangements with your Committee?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, the members of Actors Equity of the Legislative Branch Committee will be called in in their best blue collars on Monday.

THE PRESIDENT: Very well.

Are there any other announcements?

Delegate White?