

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Delegate Dabrowski.

DELEGATE DABROWSKI: Mr. President, I too was unavailable Monday evening, and I would like the record to show Aye.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Does any other delegate desire to make a statement?

Delegate Groh.

DELEGATE GROH: Mr. President and fellow delegates, although present on Saturday at the third reading and I voted for the Constitution, I regret I was unable to attend Monday for the final vote. I would like the record to show that I am wholeheartedly in favor of the Constitution.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Churchill Murray.

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: Mr. President, I do not know that this is the appropriate time, but I think perhaps so.

I would like to pledge the active support of the delegates of Anne Arundel County to work for the Constitution and to actively work for it until it is passed.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, sir.

*(Applause.)*

As all of you know, production of the journal in printed form has been quite a task. You have received heretofore complete copies of the printed journals through the proceedings of last Friday. The proceedings of last Saturday and of Monday are typed but we had to give priority in the print shop to the printing of the final draft of the Constitution on Monday, therefore the printed journal for last Saturday and Monday is not yet complete to be placed on your desk. However, this is the last opportunity for the Convention to approve formally its journal, and for that purpose a resolution has been offered.

Mr. Clerk, do you have Resolution No. 55?

The Clerk will read the resolution.

READING CLERK: Resolution No. 55 by Delegate Scanlan.

A RESOLUTION concerning the Journal of the Convention.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate Scanlan for the purpose of moving a suspension of rules.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I move we suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 55.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

DELEGATE J. CLARK: Second.

THE PRESIDENT: The action requires a roll call vote. Is there any discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of suspension of the rules. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

*(Whereupon, a roll call vote was taken.)*

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. President, I voted Aye. My button up there is not working.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Clagett votes Aye.

There being 139 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion carries. The rules are suspended.

The resolution has been printed and distributed. Are there any questions of the sponsor, Delegate Scanlan?

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Resolution No. 55. All those in favor signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

This is an historic moment for Marylanders for today we adopt a new Constitution—the first in one hundred years. It is fitting that we pause for a moment to reflect on what we have accomplished. Four months ago when we began our task, we undertook to provide for the citizens of Maryland a form of government that would have the capacity to solve the prob-