

*John C. Brooks, walked up to the rostrum and stood with President Eney.)*

THE PRESIDENT: I have asked the Secretary of the Convention and the Chief of Staff if there is any last detail that needs to be tended to before we adjourn sine die. They both assure me that everything that needs attention has received attention, and that relieves the Chair of all further responsibility.

I recognize Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move that this Constitutional Convention of Maryland adjourn sine die.

THE PRESIDENT: Is the motion seconded?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the motion to adjourn sine die.

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

Cast your vote.

*(All the delegates voted Nay.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Now see what a real leader, the President of the Convention, can do.

*(President Eney voted Yea.)*

*(Whereupon, all delegates save one reversed their votes.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Before we record the vote and thereby end the life of this Convention, I would like for Mr. Brooks to make a statement that he desires to make on behalf of the staff.

Mr. Brooks.

MR. JOHN C. BROOKS: Thank you, Mr. President.

It is a privilege to have one chance to say a few words to the most honorable convention that has ever met in the United States.

You have certainly produced a document of which every other state in the nation will be envious in years to come.

On behalf of the staff, I should like to thank all of you for your cooperation and say that the staff has been most honored

to have had the privilege to work with each of you, and we hope that you will have a chance to assist in the ratification campaign. We will be calling upon you.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, the Committee on the Legislative Branch will have its last meeting immediately after the session to receive, among other things, our lifetime passes on the B&O Railroad.

*(Laughter.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: Mr. President, the Committee on Public Information will have a very brief meeting immediately upon adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Weidemyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President and members of the Convention: When I came here nearly four months ago, I know I came with some joy that we were embarking upon a real adventure in governmental structure, and I know that all of you came here with the same joy. We have worked together, and we have lived together, and we forged a new document together. And it comes as a moment of sadness when I, as the representative of Anne Arundel County, living in the City of Annapolis, have to see all of these good people leave us.

And so all I can do at this time is say that the moment of sadness has come to me, and for the people of Annapolis and all of Anne Arundel County. I say: We bid you a very fond farewell.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Now, before we record the final vote by which this Convention ends its existence, may I wish you all Godspeed.

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

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 128 votes in the affirmative and one in the negative, the motion carries. This Convention stands adjourned sine die.

*(Cheering and applause.)*

*(Whereupon, at 3:35 P.M., the Fifth Constitutional Convention of Maryland adjourned sine die.)*