

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

(Whereupon, at 5:40 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 1, 1967.)

PLENARY SESSION

NOVEMBER 1, 1967—2:00 P.M.

**PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING**

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will come to order.

The invocation today will be offered by the Reverend Paul Edwin Bohi, Magothy Methodist Church, Pasadena, Anne Arundel County.

Reverend Bohi.

REVEREND BOHI: Let Us Pray:

Oh, God, to Whom everything is known and from Whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

We remind ourselves of Thy purpose in the creation of man. Thou hast endowed human beings with intelligence and free will comparable to Thine Own. We therefore judge and acknowledge that our highest achievement will be self-control and self-direction to match these precious endowments. Grant that we may not be conformed to this world but transformed this day by the renewal of our minds so that we may clearly demonstrate to others what Thy purpose was in creating a humanity which would, to a high degree, reflect the light of a heavenly perfection. Help us, oh, Lord, to measure up to this high standard of individual achievement. As a human society, it appears that our highest achievement will be our self-government.

We are glad to be in a land where government is of the people, by the people, and for the people. It is our responsibility to interpret Thy law for our day and time. These persons here assembled have been carefully chosen to put into our language a basic structure of government so that millions may live together within the borders of Maryland in harmony, productivity, and usefulness. Guide them, we pray, that their individual contributions might

be fittingly framed together. That the resulting document may clearly represent the purposes of our citizenry and may promote the resemblance of our society to Thy Heavenly Kingdom. Help us, oh, Lord, to measure up to this high standard of joint achievement.

Now we put ourselves into Thy hands to be used by Thee. We commit also to Thee, all those for whom we ought to pray. As Thy sun shines on the evil and good; as Thy rain falls on the just and the unjust; we ask Thy blessing on all men. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, oh, Lord our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Roll call.

(Whereupon the roll call was taken.)

THE PRESIDENT: Have all the delegates answered the roll call?

The Clerk will record the roll call.

There being a quorum present, the Convention is in session.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, with respect to Item No. 8 on today's calendar, the Chairman of the Committee on State Finance and Taxation has requested time be given for further consideration of this matter.

I, therefore, move that the calendar be amended by deleting Item No. 8 and be approved as amended.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: Any discussion?

The question arises on the approval of the calendar as amended by elimination of Item No. 8. All in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No.

The Ayes have it. The calendar is adopted as amended.

Before proceeding to the next item of business I would like to announce that the crowded condition of the gallery today is due to the fact there are about 112 students of the Hampton Elementary School of the Third District of Baltimore County here today, and they are in the gallery.