

THE PRESIDENT: Does any other delegate desire to note their presence?

*(There was no response.)*

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

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I would move we adjourn until 2:00 P.M. tomorrow.

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

*(Whereupon, at 2:25 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 2, 1967.)*

## PLENARY SESSION

NOVEMBER 2, 1967—2:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,  
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order.

The invocation today will be offered by the Right Reverend Monsignor Henry Rotrige, Vice Chief of Chaplains, United States Navy. Admiral Rotrige is a former shipmate of Delegate Edward Clarke. Father Rotrige.

REVEREND ROTRIGE: Almighty and Eternal God, we are grateful that You have called our nation and its people to a place of trust and responsibility in this world of ours. And in the universe today we recognize Thee, our Living Father, as a source of goodness, wisdom, and justice. We know that only through Thee is authority rightly administered, laws enacted, and judgments decreed. We ask Thee to assist with a spirit of counsel and fortitude the members of this convention. May their efforts and their deliberations be filled with wisdom and justice that the proceedings and laws framed for the State of Maryland may tend to the preservation of peace and of the emotion of happiness and security. We ask Thy blessings too upon the leaders of our country, for Congress, and for the members of our armed forces.

Sustain them in their efforts on the sea, on land, and in the air, to preserve the great gift of freedom that is the asset of our beloved country. Grant that our aspirations and ideals may also be in accordance

with Thy will and continue to bless our nation that we may be a blessing to the world.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Before recording the roll call, the Chair wishes to announce that pursuant to Rule 24, the Chair has reluctantly granted permission to the Committee on Local Government to continue its session during this session of the Convention.

The request of the Chairman of that Committee was presented to me urgently on the basis that the committee had been meeting all yesterday afternoon until 11 o'clock last night and from 9 o'clock this morning. They were anxious to conclude their voting in order to present their report to the Convention and feared an interruption for the session of the Convention would throw them back by as much as a full day. Accordingly, Delegates Moser, Barrick, Borom, Boyles, Bryson, Carson, Clagett, Eckenrode, Fox, Freedlander, Grant, Gullett, Leitzel, Macdonald, Needle, Newmann, Ulrich, Wagandt, and Winslow are excused in order to attend the meeting of the Committee on Local Government now proceeding.

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, I move today's calendar and agenda be adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: All in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it, the motion is carried. The calendar is adopted.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Kirkland.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Mr. President, it is a pleasure for me to present to the Convention 130 sixth grade students and faculty of the sixth grade students and some of their parents from Woodley Knolls Elementary School in Prince George's County. Thank you.

*(Applause.)*