

THE PRESIDENT: The delegates nominated for office of Second Vice President of the Convention are Delegates James, Morgan, and Mitchell. I will ask the Assistant Journal Clerk to call the roll and to have the Chief Clerk and the Secretary and Assistant Secretary act as tellers.

*(Whereupon a roll call was made.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The tellers report Delegate James received 92 votes, Delegate Mitchell 23 votes, Delegate Morgan 17 votes. Delegate James has been elected as the Second Vice President of this Convention.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: I will ask Delegates Willis and Carson to escort Delegate James to the rostrum.

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Honorable William S. James, Second Vice President of this Convention.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Raise your right hand and repeat after me.

*(Delegate William S. James thereupon took the oath of office as Second Vice President of the Constitutional Convention.)*

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT JAMES: Thank you, Vernon. It has been a long, hard afternoon. I certainly want to express my sincere thanks for the confidence you have shown in me. I expect to be a working member of this team. Whatever Vernon Eney asks me to do, I am going to do.

The responsibilities of this Constitutional Convention are fearful. We face a task of modernizing what was done a hundred years ago and what has been done since. We know from reviewing the studies of the Constitutional Convention Commission that there are many proposals which have yet to gain public acceptance. We have a dual function. First, to be progressive and at the same time to be traditional. If I can play a part to develop a Constitution which the people of Maryland accept, I certainly will be a proud man. Thank you very much.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Next order of business is consideration of resolutions pertaining to the organization of this Convention. The Chair recognizes Delegate Herbert R. O'Connor, Jr.

DELEGATE O'CONNOR: I have a resolution—

THE PRESIDENT: I will ask the Clerk to read it, if I may. Would the pages please pass out copies of the resolution.

THE SECRETARY: Introduced by Delegates O'Connor, Cleveland, Armor, Adkins, Malkus, and Winslow, resolution requesting President of the United States to honor the Constitutional Convention of 1967 with his presence on September 12, 1967.

WHEREAS:

The delegates to the Maryland Constitutional Convention of 1967 are sincerely hopeful that the President of the United States will honor this Convention by attending its opening session on September 12, 1967.

This Constitutional Convention is truly one of the epic and memorable public events in the State of Maryland. Its deliberations will be recorded in history as having fundamental significance, and they would be vastly enhanced by the presence of the President.

All the delegates to the Convention unite in inviting the President of the United States to attend and address the opening session of the Convention on September 12, 1967; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1967 That President Lyndon B. Johnson is cordially invited to honor this Convention by attending and addressing its opening session in the City of Annapolis on September 12, 1967; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President of the Convention is requested to send a copy of this Resolution to President Lyndon B. Johnson, White House, Washington, D.C.

THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the resolution. Delegate O'Connor, do you wish to make any comment?

DELEGATE O'CONNOR: I believe it is unnecessary. I might point out with the six sponsors bipartisanship is indicated, three Republicans and three Democrats.

THE PRESIDENT: Do you move adoption of the resolution?

DELEGATE O'CONNOR: I do so move.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(Seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Any discussion? Are you ready for the question? Question arises