

on the motion to adopt the resolution to invite the President of the United States to address this Convention on September 12, 1967. All in favor will signify by saying Aye. Opposed, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

Are there any further resolutions to be offered? If not, before recognizing the Chairman of the Program Committee for the purpose of moving adjournment, I would like to make a few announcements.

(Announcements made.)

THE PRESIDENT: Let me, on behalf of the Convention, express our thanks to all of the officers who have acted for the Convention, people who have acted as pages for this session today. They have all volunteered their services, they are unpaid and I think we owe them a vote of thanks.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Abramson.

DELEGATE ABRAMSON: Mr. President, I move that the Convention stand adjourned until September 12, 1967.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

DELEGATE BARRICK: What time?

THE PRESIDENT: 12 noon. Is there a second?

(Seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT. All those in favor of a motion to adjourn this Convention until 12 noon on September 12, 1967, signify by saying Aye. Contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

(Whereupon, at 8:35 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 12:00 NOON on September 12, 1967.)

CONVENING SESSION

SEPTEMBER 12, 1967 —
12:00 NOON

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order.

The Clerk will read the Proclamation of the Governor.

READING CLERK: The Governor's Proclamation issuing a call for the delegates to the Maryland Constitutional Convention to assemble in plenary session in

Annapolis, Maryland, 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 12, 1967:

"WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maryland expressed in special election on September 13, 1966 their desire to hold a Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, the 1967 General Assembly of Maryland, in response to the express desire of the people duly enacted House Bill 28 making provisions for the election of delegates to and the holding of a Convention to frame a new Constitution for the State of Maryland, which bill was signed and became effective on March 24, 1967, as Chapter 4 of the 1967 Laws of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the aforesaid enactment and the proclamation of the Governor of Maryland the delegates of the Convention assembled and organized on July 11, 1967; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 of said chapter provides at least ten days prior to September 12, 1967, the Governor, by Proclamation, shall issue a call upon the delegates to assemble on that date;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Spiro T. Agnew, Governor of the State of Maryland, pursuant to and under the authority of the aforesaid section of Chapter 4 of the 1967 Laws of Maryland, do hereby solemnly proclaim and issue a call for the delegates to the said Constitutional Convention to assemble in the Chamber of the House of Delegates at the State House in the City of Annapolis, on Tuesday, September 12, 1967, at 12:00 noon in plenary session, given under my hand and the Great Seal of Maryland in the City of Annapolis on this 29th day of August in the year of our Lord 1967."

THE PRESIDENT: We will now have the invocation by the Reverend Bruce K. Price, Delegate to this Convention from Baltimore County.

Reverend Price.

DELEGATE PRICE: Almighty God and Father of us all, thine is the providence by which age after age the families of mankind have been fed. Thine is the justice which has given a course and direction to the turmoil of history. Thine is the love that brings light to every day of our lives. Though there be no end of thy gifts, help us to number them as they are revealed to us day by day.

Though we live amidst alarms of war