

## PLENARY SESSION

NOVEMBER 9, 1967—10:00 A.M.

**PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,**  
PRESIDING

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Sergeant-at-Arms will clear the aisles and close the doors.

The Convention will please come to order.

The invocation today will be offered by the Reverend John Mason of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Piney Parish, Waldorf, Maryland. Reverend Mason.

**REVEREND MASON:** Let us pray. Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite, have mercy upon this whole land, and so rule the hearts of any servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this State of Maryland, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek Thy honor and glory, and that we and all the people duly considering whose authority they bear may faithfully and obediently honor them, according to Thy blessed word and ordinance. More specially, most gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee for our delegates to the Constitutional Convention here assembled, that Thou would be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of Thy glory, and the safety, honor and welfare of Thy people, that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, may be established among us for all generations.

Grant to these delegates, oh, Lord, a vision of this State, fair as it might be in the fulfillment of Thy purpose, a state of justice, where none shall prey upon others, a state of plenty, where greed and poverty shall be done away, a state of brotherhood, where success is founded upon service, and honor is given to nobleness alone; a State at peace, where order shall not rest upon force, but upon the love of all for each and each for all.

Grant to these delegates, oh, Lord, a right regard for the differences in individuals and in groups, and an understanding of diversity, in Thy manifold design for life. Imbue them with that clarity which dissolves bitterness, and by the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, moving in the minds of men, diminish their dissensions and divi-

sions that peace with righteousness may flourish and abound. Grant to these delegates at this time the special gifts of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and strength, that upholding that which is right, and following that which is true, they may obey Thy holy will and fulfill Thy divine purpose. All of which we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

**THE PRESIDENT:** Roll call.

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

Has every delegate answered 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 on Calendar and Agenda.

**DELEGATE POWERS:** Mr. President, I move the adoption of today's calendar.

**THE PRESIDENT:** Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)*

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

The first order of business, reports of other standing committees.

**THE PRESIDENT:** Committee Recommendation GP-4. The Clerk will read the recommendation.

**READING CLERK:** Committee Recommendation GP-4 by the Committee on General Provisions, Elroy G. Boyer, Chairman.

A RECOMMENDATION that the Constitution include a provision on consumer protection to read as follows:

**THE PRESIDENT:** Committee Recommendation GP-4 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Committee Report EB-1.

**READING CLERK:** Committee Report EB-1, by the Committee on the Executive Branch.

A REPORT on the proposed omission from the (present) Constitution of Article II, Section 22 and 23 (relating to the Secretary of State); Article IV, Section 45 (relating to the Coroner, Elisors and Notaries Public); Article V, Sections 1-6 (relating to the Attorney General); Article VI, Section 1-6 (relating to the Comptroller and Treasurer); and Article VII, Sections 2 and 3 (relating to Surveyors and State Librarian).