

DELEGATE DELLA: As of today?

THE PRESIDENT: Effective as of today.

DELEGATE DELLA: Probably he could make the motion then.

THE PRESIDENT: Perhaps I should say a word about this. I sincerely trust that the answer to this question is going to be that the President has no discretion to exercise in excusing absences in that the Convention has little or no discretion. I say that because the requests already received for absences for one reason or another point out to me at least that it is almost impossible to draw a line as to what would be a justifiable excuse and what would not; but because of the explicit language of the Enabling Act, I think we ought to have this clarified very promptly.

Are there any other announcements?

(There was no response.)

THE PRESIDENT: If not, the Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, having been given a lesson in the proper use of the microphone, I move the adjournment to 2:00 P.M. tomorrow, Thursday, September 14.

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

(Whereupon at 2:45 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, September 14, 1967.)

PLENARY SESSION

SEPTEMBER 14, 1967—2:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will come to order.

The invocation will be offered again today by Delegate Price.

DELEGATE PRICE: Let Us Pray:

Oh, Lord, God, who art the beginning and the end, from everlasting to everlasting, we know that Thou hast set the sun to burning and hast set the planets about it and placed man on this earth, and we know that man has not been abandoned, if we confess

that we feel captured by time, incapacitated by a prison of three score and ten years. The years click by and we are no closer to the promise we are meant to attain, and so, we pray to Thee who alone, art our hope. Thou art timeless in the place of time. We know not what a day may bring forth as we travel the highway of this life. The final word of a physician, perhaps a rendezvous with death at some intersection. With each passing year we are increasingly overwhelmed with the brevity of life. For regardless how we hurry and cram the impossible into every day, there is never enough time.

But in our best moments we look to Thee for the knowledge that we too are timeless in the place of time past, are our hope for the years to come. Be Thou our God while life shall last in our Eternal Home.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: The roll call.

(Whereupon the roll call was taken.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Clerk will record.

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

I wish to announce to the Convention that Delegate Gerald Morgan spent a very uncomfortable night. He had chest pains and was very uncomfortable this morning, as a result of which he was sent to the hospital where there was taken a cardiogram and X-ray. I have talked to the doctor several times. He says he is satisfied with his condition. It is not a heart attack. He thinks it is some slight indisposition or perhaps an attack of pleurisy. In any event, he has recommended that Mr. Morgan stay away from the Convention today and tomorrow. He is resting quietly in his hotel room. I talked to him on the telephone ten minutes ago, and he said he was feeling very comfortable.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, in a moment of aberration I neglected to push a button. I assure you I am here.

THE PRESIDENT: Record Delegate Pullen as being present.

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

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, the Committee on Calendar and Agenda has concluded that some doubt exists as to