

## PLENARY SESSION

SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Reverend Charles McDermott, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Annapolis. Father McDermott.

REVEREND McDERMOTT: Let us bow our heads in prayer:

Oh, Lord, God, Father Almighty, source of wisdom, from whom all good things proceed, and through whom laws are enacted, send down Your light on the minds of these your servants; direct their deliberations so that their decisions may contribute to the well-being and progress of our children, the citizens of this state. This blessing we beg through Jesus Christ your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

*(Whereupon the roll call was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Boyce, Delegate Bushong, Delegate Darby, Delegate Gleason, Delegate Grant, Delegate Hardwicke, Delegate O'Connor, Delegate Rosenstock, Delegate Webster are apparently absent.

The Clerk will record the roll call.

A quorum being present, the Convention is in session.

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

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, it may be desirable to explain the procedure which is hoped will be followed by the delegates having an item placed on the daily calendar and agenda. Under Rule 38 [40]\*, order of business, there are two categories in which individual delegates rather than committee chairmen are primarily involved.

No. 8: Introduction of First Reading and Reference Proposals. Of course there is no necessity that each proposal be itemized on the agenda.

\*The number in brackets refers to the final number assigned to the rule in the Rules of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland.

No. 10: Motions and Resolutions. It is preferred that motions be in writing and handed to the Chief Clerk. In fact, Rule 41 [43] requires this, if requested by any delegate. If the delegate knows in advance that a motion is to be made, and wants time on the floor for discussion, the best practice would be to take this up with the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda; or, if the motion is not of the nature where that would be feasible, he should ask when the motion is made for adoption of the daily calendar and agenda, that the agenda be amended to permit this.

The reason for this is not to impede any delegate, but so that insofar as possible, all delegates may know in advance what is to be considered at each session.

Later on we will undoubtedly reach a point when the allocation of time is extremely important and it will be helpful for us all to know when that time comes and be familiar with the procedure so that it may be followed when it becomes very important.

I move the adoption of the report of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda which is on the desks of all of us.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second? It is moved that the calendar and agenda on the desks of all delegates be adopted as the calendar for today. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

The next item on the calendar is introduction and first reading of proposals.

I might say before reading the proposals that I understand that all proposals up until those to be introduced today, with the exception of No. 55, introduced yesterday, are either in your books or on your desks. There are four proposals introduced today which have not yet been duplicated and are not on your desk. All others are.

Let me further say at this point, that the officers are very reluctant to change the hopper rule which presently stands, that the hopper closes two hours before the session commences. This is causing some problems because at the moment at least, there has not been sufficient time to enable us to reproduce all proposals which come in at the last moment. If we find that we cannot help it, we will advance the hopper time by another hour.

I suggest to you, however, that we can avoid doing this if each delegate will make it his business to get his proposals to the