

*“Mr. Chairman, my Fellow Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

“To my colleagues there is no necessity to divine or elucidate any further on the qualifications, virtues, and character of Marvin Mandel. To our citizens we pledge fulfillment of the responsibilities entrusted to us by our election. Each one of us is affected in some manner every day of our lives by the guiding hand of our Governor. That hand must be fed by veins of objectivity, knowledge, and fairness. It must be skinned with the virtue of compassion. In my short tenure of two years, I have seen such a hand. I have seen that hand reach out with objectivity, never prejudging any person or situation, never swayed by any prejudice. I have seen that hand reach out to assimilate the facts and information necessary for the knowledge to close and reach a decision. I have seen that hand open with complete fairness to all. Above all, I have never seen that hand deal with a person or situation without its veins being controlled by compassion, that often forgotten virtue today. It means truly caring for our fellowmen. We offer you now that hand to guide us. It is with extreme pride that I second the nomination of Marvin Mandel for the Governorship of our State.”

*Read and journalized.*

#### **Hon. Rogers C. B. Morton nominated**

Senator Edward T. Hall nominated Rogers C. B. Morton for the office of Governor of Maryland, as follows:

*“Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of this Joint Session:*

“This is an historic occasion for we are gathered here to place in office the next Governor of this State. It is a privilege and it is a challenge to each and every individual participating. It is a particular honor for me for I would like to place in nomination the name of a great Marylander, a resident of the Eastern Shore who represents in the United States House of Representatives over half of the geographic area of our State, a man who represents Maryland’s capital city in the nation’s capital city.

“I make this nomination with great pride because this man has demonstrated himself to be one of our great contemporary political leaders who is eminently qualified to serve as Governor of this State. And, because his name alone, represents a healthy unity and determination on the part of Republicans in Maryland.

“He is dedicated to the proposition of good government. He has availed himself of every opportunity to better serve the people of Maryland and the people of the nation. He has accepted bipartisan as well as partisan jobs with the same dedication to responsibility. His record of accomplishment spans a broad spectrum. As floor leader at the Miami Convention he was President-elect Nixon’s right hand. At the same time he was accepting responsibilities from his national party, he was winning every single precinct in his own re-election in a district that stretches from the Pennsylvania line to the southern tip of Maryland. He is indeed a man of great stature.

“It is perhaps with greater pride that I speak of what his name in candidacy means to the two party system in Maryland. The minority, though a handful, has pledged to the people of this great State a candidate who can do the job, and a party keenly aware of the needs of the future. We strive to offer an acceptable alternative. We aim to maintain our two party system—a requisite to democracy.