

"The world is watching this body today as we choose a successor to Vice President-elect Agnew, who moves on to the second highest office of the most powerful nation in the world. In the light of this special recognition our decision gains even greater importance. I am confident, however. It is with assurance that I know each member of this legislature will cast his vote in line with the dictates of his conscience.

"With this done, the General Assembly can take pride in having once more done the best job for Maryland. I am proud to offer to this Joint Session a candidate with proven ability—a commanding individual for demanding times—

"Ladies and gentlemen, I offer you Rogers C. B. (Chesapeake Bay) Morton."

*Read and journalized.*

Delegate John S. McInerney of Montgomery County seconded the nomination of Rogers C. B. Morton, as follows:

*"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Joint Session:*

"We offer to you a man who has a proven administrative ability, as a businessman and president of a corporation at the age of 33, a man who knows what it is like to be required to meet a payroll, a farmer on the Eastern Shore of this great State, an educator who serves on the Board of Visitors of Washington College and of the Naval Academy, a conservationist who is known nationally and, of course, a member of the Congress representing one of the largest districts in the United States. He knows the problems of the municipal area for this capital he represents. He knows the problems of the watermen of the Chesapeake Bay and of the industry of the Northeast. We offer a man that we think has proven his ability, and as I look out it is easily realized that while we do not have the number, we do have a man that we can offer you who quite sincerely fills every qualification for the office that we are here to decide. I am very proud and very pleased to second the name of Rogers C. B. Morton for the Governor of this great State."

*Read and journalized.*

Delegate C. A. Porter Hopkins of Baltimore County seconded the nomination of Rogers C. B. Morton, as follows:

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

"On this historic occasion it is my pleasure to second the nomination of Rogers Morton for Governor of Maryland. Cast in the mold of the Thomas Cresaps, the Daniel Boones, the Jonathan Hagers, and the mountain men who first joined Washington at Boston after Bunker Hill and later pushed westward taming our frontiers of Western Maryland, and eventually to his native State of Kentucky, Rog Morton embodies not only these fine qualities of our forefathers but could stand in the ranks of those who preceded us here in this historic House and whose pictures are on these walls and who over the years, have made Maryland the gentle, tolerant, peaceful, and unique State that it is today. Rog Morton's concern for the natural resources of this country and of our State is well known, and his labors in Washington on the House Committee of Interior and Insular Affairs, and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fishery, where he is ranking minority member of the Coast Guard Subcommittee, have benefited this State and our greatest asset, the Chesapeake Bay, im-