

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: May I further suggest, Mr. President, that the two chairmen who announced meetings immediately after this meeting bear with us and give us a few minutes to try to do something. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Clarke?

DELEGATE CLARKE: Mr. President, I have an announcement which I think will be of particular interest to the members of the House of Delegates. As you know, there was a proposal put in by the two distinguished senators to reduce the Senate to forty, and the House of Delegates to eighty. Several of us who are members of the House of Delegates intend Monday to put in a proposal reducing the Senate to twenty-seven, and increasing the House to one hundred fifty-four. We feel that we should be larger because, even though we are junior to the Senate, we try harder. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Delegate Storm, we will ask you to bear with us, unless your announcement is only of a few seconds duration. We have a problem of changing the tape.

DELEGATE STORM: A very short question to the Baltimore delegation. Do you want to restrict this just to Baltimore delegates, or do you want friendly people from outside to attend?

THE PRESIDENT: I take it that Delegate Rybczynski's smile is an indication he pleads in the affirmative that he desires friendly people from outside.

Are there any delegates who perhaps did not appear at roll call who desire to indicate their presence? If not, the Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President—

THE PRESIDENT: Excuse me just a second. Delegate White?

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. President, I just wanted to make one comment. I wanted to congratulate that very fine delegate from the Fifth District of Baltimore City, Roy Borom. I am glad you made it.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Powers?

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, word has been received of the promotion of Delegate Walter Finch of Baltimore County to the rank of full colonel in the United States Army Reserve. I am sure we all join in extending our hearty congratulations. *(Applause.)*

I now move that we adjourn until Monday, September 25, at 4:00 P.M.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion? All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

*(Whereupon, at 3:20 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 4:00 P.M. on Monday, September 25, 1967.)*

## PLENARY SESSION

SEPTEMBER 25, 1967—4:00 P.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 Thomas Tinsley Stewart, of the Community Methodist Church at Riviera Beach, Maryland.

REVEREND STEWART: Eternal Father, Supreme Architect, when those before us sought Thy guidance and divine presence, You encompassed us with a shield. Thy will was vouchsafed of these leaders of our beloved Old Line State. With humility, we have accepted Thy counsel to assure always the freedom of worship and protection of all faiths. Accept our thanks for rolling plains and hills, and mountains and plateaus and flatlands. May thanks go up unto Thee for courageous and dedicated men who by their very deeds have upheld the dignity of all men as created in Thy image and likeness. As these delegates to this Constitutional Convention begin another day to draft a Constitution for our cherished State of Maryland, infuse them with the dimension of Thy historical presence. Give meaning to their time. Because of the magnitude of the task, the road is difficult and without Thee, our history is not possible. Inspire them, oh, Author of life, so that their actions, both spoken and written, may assure a meaningful future for generations yet to come. Let the citizenry bless them. Let the chronicle penned through Thee provide the conditions for a new age. Accept the task and instill in them a sense of the future, and refasten them to the living God so that all, regardless of race and creed, are assured of justice and equality and are indeed first class citizens. Through You, the Lord of History, Who constitutes our beginning and end, we pray.