

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair should have announced earlier that the agenda that I indicated is based on the assumption that we have now on the agenda every matter remaining to be considered by the Committee of the Whole. If we are in error about this, if there is any matter at all that any committee has which still requires action by the Committee of the Whole, I would appreciate it if the Chairman would advise Delegate Powers or me today.

Delegate E. J. Clarke.

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen: As you all are well aware we have several delegates and some relatives and also the assistant chief clerk who are ill at this time, some of them are very ill, and several of us have thought that it would be appropriate to send them some sort of a season's greeting in the way of a gift or arrangement and I would like to suggest that we each put in one dollar, those of us who are here, so that we can order something sent to these people and let them know that we are thinking of them at Christmas and during the holiday season and if it is appropriate and with your approval or the approval of the Convention, the chief page will have a page at the door upon adjournment where everyone could leave a dollar in the box and if this is approved, I have asked Delegate Freedlander and Delegate Hopkins to assist me in collecting this and selecting something appropriate and the names that we have now are I think obvious.

However, if anyone else knows of any delegate or immediate relative who is seriously ill at this time, we would appreciate hearing from them.

Thank you, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. I think that is an excellent thought and if Delegates Clarke, Hopkins and Freedlander will undertake that, I am sure we will all be very much appreciative. I assume that the Convention will authorize that those three send whatever they send with the best wishes of the Convention for a speedy recovery.

Delegate Moser.

DELEGATE MOSER: Has there been any more thought given to getting President Johnson to appear before we finish?

THE PRESIDENT: The invitation was extended to President Johnson sometime ago and the answer was no, he was not

able to appear at that time and it was purposely left open. The matter was left if at anytime he could speak to the Convention, the aide was to call me. I have not talked to him since. I will be glad to do so.

Are there any further announcements?

(There was no response.)

If not, the Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

First, all delegates not present at roll call may indicate their presence on supplemental roll call.

Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move that we adjourn until 1:00 P.M. tomorrow.

THE PRESIDENT: All in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No.

The Ayes have it and it is so ordered.

(Whereupon, at 5:20 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 1:00 P.M., on Thursday, December 21, 1967.)

PLENARY SESSION

DECEMBER 21, 1967—1:30 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 F. Normal Van Brunt of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Hagerstown.

Reverend Van Brunt is Delegate Beachley's minister.

Reverend Van Brunt.

REVEREND VAN BRUNT: Let us pray.

O Thou great God, whom we recognize as the source of life, we pause at this moment to give thanks for the wisdom and truth whereby men have been guided in history that the many may have the benefits of freedom and dignity in the pursuit of life.

We would work diligently in our time for the purpose of providing the framework whereby the hard-earned advantages of democracy may be preserved and enlarged for the generations yet unborn. To this end