

Now that much of the time consuming labor and strenuous effort has been expended in the making of a new constitution, all that remains is the fullness of time for its completion by delegates and adoption by the people.

Help us to feel the significance of this high moment caught up in the history of the Free State that resolved to have a new constitution and as this constitution provides for the great and the small, help us to not forget that such were the contributions which helped to make it possible.

May it have the latitude to include all and may it have the greatness to exclude that which is evil and as it becomes our mode of living in this state upon adoption, help us to remember Him whose teaching and life are always to be revered and set forth as the perfect example among mankind. In Jesus Christ, our Lord, for it is in His name that we ask this blessing upon this Convention in its convening hours. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

*(Laughter.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Has every delegate properly answered roll call?

*(Laughter.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The Clerk will record the roll call.

There being a quorum present, the Convention is in session.

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

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the adoption of today's calendar.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

DELEGATE JAMES: Second.

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. The calendar is adopted.

The Chair has an announcement to be made on behalf of some of the delegates. The Clerk will read the announcement.

READING CLERK: An announcement by Delegates Hickman, Adkins, Boyer, Child, Fox, Hostetter, E. T. Miller, Rollins, M. H. Smith, Tawes, on behalf of the Eastern Shore Delegates and by Delegate Rush,

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Convention: it is with deep regret that we announce the death on January 4, 1968, of Frederick C. Malkus, father of Delegate Frederick C. Malkus, Jr. Mr. Malkus was born in Baltimore and for many years was a bookkeeper with a meat packing firm in Baltimore. Mr. Malkus was seventy-six years old at his death, and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Caroline Malkus, a brother, George J. Malkus, and three grandchildren.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any reports of Committees, Mr. Clerk?

Committee Report LB-1. The Clerk will read the report.

READING CLERK: Committee Report No. LB-1 by the Committee on the Legislative Branch, Francis X. Gallagher, Chairman: A report on the rejection by the Committee on the Legislative Branch of Delegate Proposals No. 20, 192, 228, 323, 420, 425, and 437. The subject matter of these proposals was not covered by any of the three major Committee Recommendations of the Committee on the Legislative Branch LB-1, LB-2, and LB-3.

THE PRESIDENT: The report will be referred to the Committee on Calendar and Agenda. Are there any other reports, Mr. Clerk?

We will, therefore, proceed to the next item on the calendar, the third and final reading of the proposed Constitution.

Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: I rise to a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: State the privilege.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: In the gallery, over your head, Mr. President, are two very distinguished people who happen to be the parents of a very distinguished delegate to this Assembly, the delegate from the third district of Baltimore City, Anne D. Hopkins. Those in the gallery are Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rognald Dankmeyer, and we welcome them.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Mr. President, I rise to the most pleasurable of personal privileges. I should like to announce in the gallery the presence of my indulgent and patient husband, Jerry, three of our children, Eileen, Nina, and Sanford, and my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shoubin,