

HONORARY PRESIDENT TAWES: These gavels are made from African mahogany wood, and the chairmen of these committees will have a really fine momento of the service that they have given to their committees.

Now, in the Committee of the Executive Branch, which I had the pleasure of serving on, our Vice Chairman, a neighbor from Wicomico County, was very effective. He was a member of the study commission, and while I did not agree with him on everything that he was for, still we got along beautifully, and we are going back to the Eastern Shore, and we are still going to be good friends.

Delegate Finch has prepared one of these gavels for Dale Adkins to show the great admiration Delegate Finch has for Dale Adkins.

Dale, will you please come up?

*(A gavel was presented to the Honorable E. Dale Adkins, Vice-Chairman, Committee on the Executive Branch.)*

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Now, it gives me great pleasure to present one of these gavels to that other great Eastern Shore Delegate, Delegate Tawes.

*(A gavel was presented to the Honorable J. Millard Tawes, Honorary President of the Maryland Constitutional Convention.)*

*(Applause.)*

HONORARY PRESIDENT TAWES: I was wondering whether I was going to get one. I did not know.

*(Applause.)*

We all want to thank Delegate Walter Finch for his thoughtfulness in this ceremony of presenting these gavels to all of us, and we want to thank Delegate E. J. Clarke for the work that he has done in making these presentations possible on this occasion.

So now, Mr. President, we return the rostrum to you.

*(Applause.)*

Well, I slipped up again. I am supposed to keep the rostrum until the President and the Secretary of this Convention affix their signatures to the constitution on the historic desk from the Old Senate Chamber.

*(The Honorable H. Vernon Eney, President of the Maryland Constitutional Con-*

*vention seated at the historic desk from the Old Senate Chamber, certified the draft constitution by affixing his signature to it.)*

*(Applause.)*

HONORARY PRESIDENT TAWES: Secretary Martineau.

*(The Honorable Robert J. Martineau, Secretary of the Maryland Constitutional Convention seated at the historic desk from the Old Senate Chamber, certified the draft constitution by affixing his signature to it.)*

*(Applause.)*

*(At this point, President H. Vernon Eney resumed the Chair.)*

THE PRESIDENT: I hesitate very much to see the photographers taking photographs of all these signatures. My hand shook so much it does not even look like my name.

Honorary President Tawes.

*(The Honorable J. Millard Tawes, Honorary President of the Maryland Constitutional Convention, seated at the historic desk from the Old Senate Chamber, affixed his signature to the draft constitution.)*

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate William S. James, Second Vice President, will you please come forward and sign?

*(The Honorable William S. James, Second Vice-President of the Maryland Constitutional Convention, seated at the historic desk from the Old Senate Chamber, affixed his signature to the draft constitution.)*

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate James Clark, because of the injury to his hand several weeks ago, is unable to sign this morning, in spite of the enormous practice in trying to sign with his injured hand—unless his attempt now succeeds.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: I am going to sign later.

THE PRESIDENT: He will sign later.

*(The Honorable James Clark, First Vice-President of the Maryland Constitutional Convention, will affix his signature to the draft constitution at a later date.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Before calling the delegates in alphabetical order to sign, the