

Franklin's Solution

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention was on the brink of failure over the issue of whether small states should have the same representation as the larger states. The situation seemed hopeless, and many of the delegates were making plans to return home, when 81-year-old Benjamin Franklin offered a suggestion.

He was convinced that Scripture is right when it says, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1). He rose to address the delegates:

Gentlemen, I have lived a long time and am convinced that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? I move that prayer imploring the assistance of Heaven be held every morning before we proceed to business.

His motion carried. Every morning thereafter, the sessions opened with prayer. In a short while, a compromise was forged. It is still in effect today – a fixed representation for states in the Senate, representation according to population in the House.

The best building material for constructing any solution you may need today – just as in Franklin's time – is prayer, be it the United States government, Life Care, Century Park or Life Care at Home.

--Beecher Hunter