

having the treasurer elected by the General Assembly on the Board of Public Works and the governor the third member, makes it very possible for the comptroller and the treasurer to outvote the governor on proposed policies and programs and that is what the Executive Branch Committee wanted to avoid.

This particular amendment will avoid that by giving the governor two people on the board and giving the General Assembly one individual on that board of review.

The Board of Review I assume will operate in the same manner as the Board of Public Works. It will operate in public. Minutes will be kept and I am hopeful that the General Assembly in exercising the power that we have given it will winnow out the mass of trivia that the Board of Public Works has to deal with at the present time and that takes up so much of its energy.

I ask for the adoption of this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Mr. Chairman, when my good friend Gerald Morgan called the honor roll of those who voted in favor of this amendment, you will notice that my name was not among them.

With a Republican governor there is no doubt that this amendment would be a check on the executive.

I am looking forward to the years ahead when there will be both a Democratic governor and a Democratic legislature and I say to this Convention that under this amendment there would be no check comparable to the present Board of Public Works upon the executive.

Some years ago, Woodrow Wilson wrote that the history of human freedom is the history of restraints and limitations placed upon the power of government.

I say as I said yesterday that for over a century the Board of Public Works has been a good check upon the executive branch of this state, and for that reason, Mr. President, I shall continue to oppose this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak in favor of this amendment?

Delegate Gleason?

DELEGATE GLEASON: I have a question I would like to ask the Chairman of the Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE MORGAN: I yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Am I correct in my understanding of this compromise proposal that the General Assembly if it should so desire does not have to grant any power to the Board of Review provided for in this amendment?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan, I did not understand. Does not have to what?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Does not have to provide any powers to this Board of Review, if it desires not to.

DELEGATE MORGAN: That is correct.

DELEGATE GLEASON: In that eventuality I will support this meaningless provision.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak in opposition to this amendment?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Not really in opposition, but I do have a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: To whom?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I assume to Delegate Morgan.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan, will you yield?

DELEGATE MORGAN: I yield.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Would you be kind enough to enlighten me as to the names of some of the principal departments your Committee has in mind?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: The principal departments will be initially established by the General Assembly; in other words, the General Assembly under our executive article will have two years within which to group the various functions of the executive branch of the state government under not more than twenty principal departments. After that two-year period the governor can establish principal departments by executive order.

Does that answer your question?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Freedlander.