

DELEGATE MALKUS: You are indeed cute, we know that, but I have never objected nor will I ever object to anyone having an opportunity to study the subject matter. What I objected to last week was for you to know what was going on so you could go ahead and organize your forces to beat me.

Now, I have never objected to a subject matter being given an opportune time to be considered by the people who are a little bit slower in their thinking than some of the rest of us.

Some of us here know what you are trying to do and I think what this amendment does. You are trying to go ahead and get enough support for this matter so it can pass this Constitutional Convention. I want to know why you will not give me an opportunity to understand what these amendments are.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, you have every opportunity the same as with every other amendment, to consider it and know its effect. Quite obviously, this amendment and the Committee of the Whole could make no progress whatsoever if every amendment were postponed.

Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Will Delegate Malkus yield?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: I will be happy to.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I have to put this in the form of a question, Delegate Malkus. I believe you can put your suggestion before the Committee of the Whole properly if you make a motion to ask the Committee of the Whole to rise and request of the Convention an opportunity to make this particular amendment a special order of business tomorrow so would you tell us, Delegate Malkus, for the sake of the question if that is what you would like to do?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, my young friend, Joe Johnson, is my legal adviser. I know that his motion will carry more weight than my motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman —

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a second, please.

Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Have you cut me off, Mr. Chairman?

THE CHAIRMAN: No, you are on the air, Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, as usual you are witty.

*(Laughter.)*

But I say this in all seriousness —

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, are you going to make a motion?

DELEGATE MALKUS: If you want me to, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not want you to. I would just like to make progress. But if you want to make a motion, will you please do so.

Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: If you will let me talk I will make the motion. I will get beat, I know that. But we are talking about an office that has been in existence for 190 years. And you want to — Mr. President, I hope you will listen, maybe no one else will, but I hope that you will listen, you want to emasculate the office of the comptroller.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Chairman —

THE CHAIRMAN: For what purpose does Delegate Bennett rise?

DELEGATE BENNETT: Is there a pending motion to which Delegate Malkus speaks?

THE CHAIRMAN: He is speaking to Amendment No. 7.

Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Is this in order?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, it is.

Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: You can be fair.

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, the Chair also suggests to you that your time is running against you. You are limited to three minutes.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Maybe somebody else will yield me a little extra time.