

earlier, I am sorry, but this is the way it looks to me.

THE CHAIRMAN: That apparently concludes the questioning. The Chair on behalf of the Committee expresses its thanks to you, Delegate Case, for the very trying and lengthy period of questioning.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Will the Clerk ring the quorum bell, please?

Delegate Harry Taylor.

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: I rise on a point of personal privilege.

Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, I do not know whether you are as fortunate as I am, but I have many penpals here in this hall, and I have been the recipient of many notes since the Convention convened. Some of these notes are anonymous. Some of them are *nom de plumes*. I hope that the couriers of these notes do not read the contents because if they do our pages are going to have acquired knowledge on many subjects other than the constitution and how a constitution is drafted, but I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that these notes be preserved along with the events that provoke them and that they be put in a scrapbook by the historian so that one hundred years from now when a scholar reads over the text of the questions on taxation that have been asked here this morning he may turn to the scrapbook and there under "Tax" he may turn up something that will give him the true spirit and atmosphere of this Convention. I will give you one he might find: "Today we talked about tax. The questions were breaking our backs. Then President Eney ever so keenly confused the issue with facts."

*(Laughter and applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Taylor, I think I should add at that point only this morning I approved a memorandum to all delegates requesting them to turn over to the historian any records of interest concerning the conduct of the Convention which may have been accumulated in their personal files. The memorandum states that all such records will be carefully preserved and will bear the notation indicating their source.

*(Laughter and applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Section 8.01 is now open to amendment. We should take it up by subdivisions. Section 8.01(a). Are there any amendments?

*(There was no response.)*

The Chair hears none.

Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to section 8.01.

THE CHAIRMAN: Section 8.01(a), are there any amendments?

The Chair hears none.

Section 8.01(b), and please consider section 8.01(b) in the light of the statements made earlier concerning its purpose and intent. Are there any amendments to section 8.01(b)?

The Chair hears none.

Pages will please distribute Amendment D.

Delegate Case, the Chair suggests that you come forward during this portion of the consideration of SF-3 and take a chair at the front. The amendment marked "D" will be Amendment No. 1. The Clerk will read Amendment No. 1 to Committee Recommendation SF-3 by Delegate Weidemeyer.

READING CLERK: On page 1 section 8.01, Power to Tax, following line 24 add the following:

"(c) The State shall not levy, nor shall it allow any political subdivision to levy a tax on income, excluding deductions and exemptions; except that, whenever and for such period of time as the federal tax on incomes is reduced, this rate may be increased in the same amount by which the federal tax is reduced."

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is proposed by Delegate Weidemeyer. Is there a second?

*(The amendment was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Weidemeyer to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, this would be a limitation on the taxing power to levy income taxes. As you know, we have a five per cent tax on income which now under the new law embraces capital gain, long term capital gain, which greatly increases the Maryland income. In addition to that, there is authorization for the piggy-back tax of two and a half percent making it seven and a half per cent.