

trespassed upon by the *Washington Post* and *Star* and a few other leading newspapers. Nevertheless, when the election rolls around in Baltimore City, if that is combined with that of the county and the issues are given publicity, the paper will be read by both the county and the city. There is an identification of relationship between the two on those issues.

I ask that you oppose this section of the amendment and vote in favor of keeping the city elections and county elections together.

(President H. Vernon Eney resumed the chair.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Only three minutes for debate remain in this period. The Chair suggests that each of you keep your remarks down to the minimum, and in no event more than one minute.

Delegate Churchill Murray.

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: I rise to support and second the statement —

THE CHAIRMAN: You are out of order at this time. I will recognize you in a moment.

Persons entitled to the floor will speak in favor of the amendment.

DELEGATE BOROM: I would like to address an inquiry to the Chair.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your inquiry.

DELEGATE BOROM: Some of us are unfamiliar with the Raley amendment which has been proposed. I am wondering if it might be possible for us to have that in front of us so we can give it consideration in our voting.

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is not back from the printers yet. The Chair is perfectly willing to have the Reading Clerk read the amendment so that you will be familiar with it.

As previously indicated, the amendment will be in order after the vote on the current amendment.

The Clerk will read the so-called Raley Amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment to Committee Recommendation S&E-2 by Delegates Raley, Hanson, Scanlan:

On page 3, section 7, General Elections, strike out all of lines 17 through 27, inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

“Monday in November for the election of members of the Congress and, when required, for the election of President and Vice President of the United States or electors for those offices. The general election of State and county officials shall be held in such years and at such times as the General Assembly may provide by law.”

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

Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I speak in favor of the amendment. It is at best here a Hobson's choice. The majority would foist upon the counties and the City of Baltimore the obligation to hold their elections in the off-years.

The Byrnes Amendment at least would protect the counties and also protect the City of Baltimore from this rule. Unfortunately, it suffers from the vice of inflexibility which I think would be cured if we adopt the Raley amendment. Therefore, I am going to vote for the Byrnes amendment, and whether it passes or fails ultimately the Raley amendment will prevail.

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

Delegate Schloeder, you have one minute.

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: Mr. Chairman, I would urge the delegates to vote against this amendment. I think that it does not really do anything. It just locks into the issue the situation of having the state and county elections at the same time. All the argument made about divisibility, responsibility, and separation of issues would be destroyed if this amendment were to be passed.

Also, the Majority Committee Recommendation would allow Baltimore City to remain just the way it is now and we would urge that you would vote against this amendment which would go against all these issues of visibility, credibility, responsibility, separation of issues, and then would continue to support the majority position.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher for one minute.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, a point of parliamentary inquiry. If the city delegates decide to abstain on this vote, it will not in any way affect the legality or sufficiency of the rest of the Committee, will it, Mr. Chairman?