

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Do you wish to speak for?

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak against this amendment. It would do the same thing which the amendment proposed to do which we defeated sometime ago. I plead with you, let us not permit Alfred Scanlan to "Scanlanize" this Constitution.

Mr. Chairman, members of this Convention, when I left the fourth district of Baltimore City, I promised that I would not forget from whence I had come, and I have not. But if I were to listen a few minutes it would appear that one of my cohorts has the hand of Jacob but has the voice of Aesop. When he gets back home he will wonder what happened to him.

Fellow delegates, a lot of things have happened in this Convention. It seems that a lot of people in Maryland do not trust our judgment. We voted for the single member districts, but it would appear that those who hope to save the destiny of this Convention are going to great lengths to convince us that we must move backward, and retreat from this position.

Mr. Chairman, maybe this gets into the area of personal privilege, but at this time some of the delegates of this Convention are being pressured. They are being told that if you do not switch your vote from the single member district to the multi-member district then we shall withdraw our vote for economic opportunity.

Mr. Chairman, it is getting pretty rough and we have used a lot of time. I have listened for the past six weeks to lawyers, but my voice now is as strong as theirs. But I think that a certain amount of restraint is necessary. We have spoken again and again on the same subject and we have lost motion for reconsideration after motion for reconsideration and when we get into an area like this we sit quietly and supinely by and watch a proposal like this go down the drain.

I have learned one thing since I have been down here, Mr. Chairman, and that is when you do not appear to have the votes, you keep on talking. So I ask for some help. All of those who stand with me, let's keep on talking.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Borom to speak in favor.

DELEGATE BOROM: I want to speak against.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Speak against. The Chair recognizes Delegate Borom.

DELEGATE BOROM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am like Delegate Harry Taylor in the back row. When they gather the sense of the Committee, and at this time I think they do gather it, it is hard, I think, to speak. I think the unfortunate thing is that the Committee is ready to move, and I think it is most unfortunate that the issue about which we are speaking now is one that most of your really cannot appreciate.

It is unfortunate. I have watched this Committee operate. I have listened to the attorneys, and the arguments they have made for their particular case, and for the things that they think are important, and I think they are important too. For as long as you hold this in your hand that you understand and you think it is important, you work for what you think is right. I think in this case this particular policy statement is a weak one, but I think it is right.

Apparently the policy statement is as far as you can go. Even if you go no further than that, I ask that you go that far. Within the past week I happened to be watching it very carefully, and I listened to one of our leading senators in the United States. He says our whole country is in trouble. We have problems. He commented that our country has a wealth of economic and natural resources and yet we have problems. He continued by saying that our biggest problem is that our country does not have the will to do what it knows it has to do. I think this is what we are confronted with today, the will to do what we know is right.

I would agree with Delegate Adkins to a certain extent, that if we put this policy statement in, it may not have any real effect. But if we are going to deal with it, as we have done with other parts of the Constitution, I would say let's put a policy statement in and build an article around it. When we get through we not only have the policy statement, an innocuous policy statement, but we also have the machinery by which this State moves.

We can petition for roads. If this State can find the funds to build roads and do all the other things that it thinks are important and forget people then I think that the State is remiss.

I do not think we have to wait for the federal government. One of the earliest