

Delegate Miller, do you wish to speak in favor?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: I have been up six times now.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Do you wish to speak in favor, Delegate Clagett?

DELEGATE CLAGETT: I am speaking in favor of the amendment.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): We will have to find someone who is speaking against.

Delegate Beatrice Miller.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I will be very brief. Ever since Mr. Scanlan gave us the reason for his proposal in which he said that this is not a state problem, this is a federal problem, I have been very disturbed. If we adopt that philosophy of Delegate Scanlan, then I think we might as well pack up and go home right now because that is what this Convention is all about.

This Convention is about building a state constitution for a state that will accept its role and its share of the responsibilities. Whatever the outcome of the vote on this amendment, I would hope that no one votes on it because he considers this only a federal problem and not a problem of the State.

Furthermore, I would point out that what the original proposal of the Committee as amended says is a very limited suggestion. It talks about opportunity for employment and it says the General Assembly shall continue to implement this policy.

I think that as a guide to the General Assembly of what the thinking of this Convention was for the future this is a most important proposal.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Hardwicke, do you wish to speak for the amendment?

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: I am against the amendment, Mr. Chairman.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Does anyone wish to speak for the amendment?

Does anyone wish to speak against the amendment?

Delegate Clagett, do you wish to speak for the amendment?

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, I wish to speak for the amendment only to

give the degree of encouragement that is necessary for the thirteen hardy souls who voted against Amendment No. 14. For those persons who have had time now to reconsider their votes, even though we are fully in accord with the policy, nevertheless, the advisability is that the question really must be met here. Therefore, I strongly urge that this motion be approved.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Hardwicke, you wish to speak against the amendment?

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

This is a Bill of Rights, a statement of the fundamental freedoms of man. It has been said necessitous man is not free man and the freedom of religion, the freedom of expression, the freedom of assembly, all of these freedoms are hollowed and meaningless for man who is necessitous.

The Bible in the Old Testament talks about the right of the poor in four places, twice in Isaiah and twice in Psalms and there the unjust judge is discussed as the judge who deprives the person who is poor of justice.

I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that this is the most important right, this right to be free from necessity and to be free from want. The object of capitalism must be to guarantee the rights that are set forth in this particular section. This is the purpose of capitalism.

Communism has always insisted that capitalism cannot achieve this purpose. I submit to you this afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, that this is our challenge, this is the most important challenge of our generation. I hope we will rise to this challenge and include this section in our new constitution.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Does anyone wish to speak to this question?

*(Call for the question.)*

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): I notice a desire to submit the question. The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 15 to Committee Recommendation R&P-2.

A vote Aye is in favor of Amendment No. 15. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted?