

I urge your support of it.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Boyer, do you have a comment?

DELEGATE BOYER: Yes, I completely concur with Delegate Sollins that this is an insignificant amendment, and I therefore urge that it be rejected.

It occurs to me, either one or two impeachment proceedings, if that, in the last one hundred years in the State of Maryland. I do not think that this is necessary. At the very most, it would only be a lapse of nine months from the time that a legislature would adjourn until it again reconvenes.

I can conceive of no immediate problem that could arise if none has arisen in the last hundred years like this where we would have to clutter up a constitution by an amendment as this. I can see no thrust, no impact, no need for it, and I suggest that it be defeated.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Clark.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: I rise to support Delegate Sollins' amendment. I think it makes a great deal of sense. You might have the situation where it might be the Governor that needed impeaching, and you could hardly expect him to call a special session for that purpose. Therefore I think this amendment has great merit, and although it may never be needed, I hope it will never be needed in the State of Maryland. If we need it, it will be there. Therefore I hope you will vote for it.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any other discussion?

Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: May I ask a question of the sponsor of the amendment?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sollins, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE SOLLINS: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: This question borders on the technical side of things, but it has always been my impression that really the House of Delegates is not in session unless the Assembly is in session. I think there is a great deal of merit in this proposal because certainly if charges of impeachment or cries for impeachment have been raised, it is in the interest of the person accused to have this matter handled expeditiously. Therefore I think

that the House should have the power to call themselves into session, since we have given them this power of bringing forth the bill of impeachment. However, I am wondering if you would change this first sentence to say "if the General Assembly is not in session," to keep it consistent with the fact that the Assembly, after all, is the legislative body as such, and that is the one that should be in session.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gleason and Delegate Sollins, the Chair calls your attention to the fact that there is provision for the separate session of the Senate only. It would be impossible for the Senate to be in session and the House not to be in session.

Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: We are doing some strange things in this Convention, and I sit down, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Boyles.

DELEGATE BOYLES: I would like to speak to this amendment.

I suggest to this Convention that it might be a very good idea not to put this amendment into the constitution for the following reason: As Delegate Boyer said, only nine months could possibly elapse between the time that the House is in session. It might just be that that is the time necessary to cool off some hotheads who might otherwise try to impeach a man who should probably not have been tried, as President Johnson was at one time.

Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises upon the adoption of Amendment No. 4, to Committee Recommendations LB-2, LB-3 and GP-10 as amended by Style Committee Report S&D-14. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted?

Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Aye.