

ratification, shall put the question distinctly to each voter: "are you in favor of annual or biennial sessions of the Legislature?" and the said Judges shall record separately on their poll books the answer of each voter to the said question; of which they shall make return in the same manner as prescribed by law to ascertain the sense of the people on the ratification of said constitution. And if a majority of the legal voters in the State should be in favor of annual sessions, then at the next meeting of the Legislature after the ratification of this constitution, the Legislature shall provide by law for annual elections of Delegates to the General Assembly, and for annual sessions of the Legislature."

Which was read.

Mr. Shower moved for the previous question, that is:

"Shall the main question be now put?" and it was

Determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put on the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr. Spencer;

Mr. Mitchell, moved for the yeas and nays, and being ordered, appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Tuck, Pres't, p. t., Morgan, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Sellman, Merrick, Buchanan, Welch, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, Sprigg, Spencer, George, Wright, Shriver, Biser, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Brent, of Balt. city, Prestman, Ware, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—37.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Ricaud, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Dalrymple, Brent, of Charles, Howard, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, John Dennis, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Phelps, Bowling, Dirickson, Hearn, Jacobs, Thomas, Gaither, Annan, Carter, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer and Smith—30.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dirickson, gave notice of his intention hereafter to move a reconsideration of the vote of the Convention on the amendment just adopted.

Mr. Spencer, moved further to amend said section as amended, by adding at the end thereof, these words, "which shall not exceed forty days;"

Mr. Magraw, moved that the Convention adjourn;

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the amendment as offered by Mr. Spencer;

Mr. John Newcomer, moved to amend said amendment by striking out "forty," and inserting in lieu thereof "thirty;"