

Mr. CHAMBERS. Will the gentleman withdraw that motion for a few minutes only?

Mr. HEBB. For what purpose?

Mr. CHAMBERS. For the purpose of making a few remarks upon this most important subject.

Mr. HEBB. If the gentleman will renew it.

Mr. CHAMBERS. I will give you the opportunity to renew it.

Mr. HEBB. I may not get the floor.

Mr. CHAMBERS. I will take care that you may have the floor.

The PRESIDENT. The chair cannot recognize any such understanding between members.

Mr. DENT. I hope the previous question will not be pressed upon this subject without some discussion of it; and I will suggest that its adoption will preclude any further amendment being offered to the section.

The PRESIDENT. Does the gentleman from Allegany withdraw the motion for the previous question?

Mr. HEBB. I would withdraw it with the understanding that the gentleman will renew it. But I know how my constituents feel on the subject and I am prepared to assume the responsibility of making the motion and having my vote recorded upon it. If the convention think proper to let the debate go on forty weeks I have nothing to say.

Mr. MILLER demanded the yeas and nays upon sustaining the call for the previous question, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 24, nays 33—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Carler, Cunningham, Cushing, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Hatch, Hebb, Kennard, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Schley, Stockbridge, Thomas—24.

Nays—Messrs. Bond, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Dall, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Jones, of Somerset, King, Larsh, Lee, Mackey, Mitchell, Miller, Negley, Parker, Parcan, Sands, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Swope, Sykes, Todd, Valiant, Wimer, Wooden—33.

As their names were called,

Mr. DANIEL said: I will vote for the previous question after the gentleman from Kent has addressed the house, but as he wishes to speak upon the subject, for the present, I vote "no."

Mr. HOLLYDAY said: The discussion which has taken place upon the question of compensation was not so much with reference to obtaining it by act of the legislature, as with reference to obtaining it from the United States. As I think it is a matter of great importance to every one to have the matter fully discussed, I vote "no."

Mr. KING said: I am in favor of the pre-

vious question, but as some members are desirous to speak, in order to give them an opportunity I vote "no."

Mr. NSOLEY said: I feel impelled to vote "no" upon this question, because there has been no discussion at all upon this proposition. Whenever there is a disposition upon the part of the minority of this house, or the majority, to protract unnecessarily the discussion, I shall always support the motion for the previous question. I will never record my vote to cut off all discussion. There has been no discussion, and there has been no disposition manifested of carrying the discussion to an unnecessary length. Therefore, according to the principles of justice, I vote "no."

Mr. SANDS said: I am not and never will be an advocate of any undue expenditure of the public time. This is a subject of the gravest importance. We have been here now for three months, talking about matters of infinitely less import. I do not think it becomes us to stop discussion upon this question at one o'clock in the first day. I make this explanation of my vote in face of the fact that those who are disposed to put the business of the convention through under the whip may gazette me in the public prints. I am as good, and true, and loyal a man, and have at heart as much the interests of my State, and of the people of the country, as those who are for concluding so very readily. I think it wrong. Therefore I shall vote against the previous question.

When I first became a member of this assembly I announced that, while I would call the previous question on all merely fictitious debate, if it was the only means to meet that, I would never be a party to calling it upon fair legitimate discussion. I will not do it to-day. Though the public prints may choose to censure me for it, I vote "no."

Mr. SCHLEY said: With no disposition at any time during the session of this convention to terminate what appears to be necessary and proper debate, I feel convinced that there is nothing new to be said in the debate upon the article now under consideration. The whole question, in all its bearings and ramifications—

Mr. CHAMBERS. Is argument proper, Mr. President?

The PRESIDENT. No, sir; gentlemen will confine themselves strictly to stating their reasons for their votes.

Mr. CHAMBERS. The gentleman undertook to say that the whole ground had been gone over. I deny it.

Mr. SCHLEY resumed: If the gentleman will hear me out he will learn that I do not say any such thing. I only say that in my opinion the whole matter has been discussed pending the discussion of other portions of this new constitution. I want to say further that in the public meetings of the canvass the