

1 in opposition to the amendment. Much has been said here
2 about the impact of our action here today in terms of rati-
3 fication of the Constitution. As I look upon this amend-
4 ment, I think it freezes into the Constitution the status
5 quo. If that is so, it makes a mockery of our
6 whole effort here, and we need not worry about ratifica-
7 tion of the people because in fact they will have the same
8 document we come out with if they do not ratify our words.
9 Thank you.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other delegate desire to
11 speak in favor of the amendment? Delegate Gilchrist.

12 DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Mr. President, Mr. Chair-
13 man, I simply desire to make one observation. I just took
14 a look at the vote on the roll call on Amendment 5. I
15 find that of the people who have expressed concern for
16 small counties, their votes scarcely reflect that concern.
17 Seven of the Senate votes which were cast against the
18 amendment came from four counties and Baltimore City. I
19 suspect that this may be a reflection of attitudes which
20 we really should not have. I wonder whether there is not
21 some method of solving the dilemma which will permit this