

1 Delegate Proposal No. 239. The Clerk will
2 read the proposal.

3 MR. QUILLEN: Delegate Proposal No. 239,
4 by Delegate Gallagher at the request of the Committee on
5 The Legislative Branch. A Proposal that Article III,
6 Section 3.12 of the Constitution provide that the leader-
7 ship of the Senate and the House of Delegates be empowered
8 to call special sessions of the General Assembly, and
9 that the Constitution provide for split sessions of
10 the General Assembly for budget purposes, to read as
11 follows:

12 The General Assembly shall convene in regular
13 session on the third Wednesday of January of
14 each year, unless otherwise prescribed by law, and
15 may continue in session for a period not longer than ninety
16 days; provided, however, that by a majority vote of
17 each house a session may be split into two parts for
18 the purpose of considering the budget.

19 The Governor may convene a special session of
20 the General Assembly at any time. The Speaker of the
21 House of Delegates and the President of the Senate,