

1 Delegate James.

2 DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman and fellow Dele-
3 gates, I would like to speak in opposition to the committee
4 report and in favor of the minority report.

5 I am in favor of the minority report because I
6 feel the majority report is, No. 1, undemocratic. It seems
7 to me that in a legislative body, a bill should have a vote
8 on final passage of the majority of the membership. This
9 is the responsibility of the legislative body. A bill should
10 not proceed in the order of becoming law unless it has votes
11 of the entire membership.

12 We have never had any problem about attendance
13 in the General Assembly. We have never had a problem such
14 as that cited in Michigan. Most of the sessions of
15 the Senate are attended 100 percent. It is seldom that you
16 have even one or two absences. The members of the Senate
17 are very faithful in their attendance, and I can say that
18 the House is equally, the House members are equally faith-
19 ful so that we have a historic record of a very, very good
20 attendance in the General Assembly, and this proposal would
21 jeopardize this. We certainly do not want to follow the