

THE CHAIRMAN: You have half a minute, Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: It is my information that all is necessary within that august body, which has here been described as a club—a gentleman's club, if you please—is for a Senator to get up and say, I find the nominee personally unacceptable; and he is vetoed. I therefore respectfully suggest that this amendment be defeated.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. Chairman, I want General Mudd to explain what he means when he calls the Senate of Maryland a gentleman's club. He said that with some sort of sarcasm in his voice, and now we are getting ready to go out to see. Now, General, what do you mean by gentleman's club?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, if you are addressing a question to Delegate Mudd, I will recognize you to do so in a moment. His time has now expired.

Delegate Della, do you desire to speak in favor or opposition to the amendment?

DELEGATE DELLA: I was asking the Chairman of the Committee a question. I think he made a statement there that was not entirely correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: I will give you the opportunity to ask him a question as soon as we find out if anybody else wants to discuss. Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, and ladies and gentlemen, I deem it advisable, right and proper to set the record straight once again. You have heard the comment from Delegate Gleason, and from Delegate Mudd with respect to the views of the minority of the Committee.

Let me reiterate that our Committee did not debate any time or any place any alternative plan. Now, I do not mean to say that the members of the majority are not sold on the Niles plan. They are. They believe in it. It was just unnecessary to make a debate. We took the sense of the Committee, and we disposed of every other proposal pertaining to an alternative plan.

Now, the minority believes that our proposal was the best possible alternative. That does not mean that we will not support some other alternative.

I would love to believe that nominating commissions will work throughout this State. I know I will sleep a lot better at

night and in the many years to come if I believe that.

I do not believe that. Every time I think about it, I think of some other problems that are going to crop up besides all the ones that were mentioned.

Do you think that for a minute, when the governor, if it is a Republican governor in the next two years, has an opportunity to appoint all the laymen to the commission, do you think for one moment that he is going to appoint people outside of his party? Is there any possibility that he is going to do that? Of course he is not. And this situation is going to go on and on and on; and I say that you are creating more politics with the nominating commission, and Delegate Gleason's proposition is a good one. It provides for the nominating commissions by way of a recommendation and also provides for appointment by the governor, with the concept of the Senate. This was a proposal that was not considered or debated by our Committee, and I submit that any proposal, almost any proposal is better than this nominating commission setup, and I am going to support this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mudd, do you yield to a question from Delegate Malkus?

DELEGATE MUDD: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, state your question.

DELEGATE MALKUS: My question, Mr. President, is this: What does General Mudd mean by—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, the proper appellation is Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, accept my amendment to my statement. I feel that way in my heart and you, sir, cannot even deny me that feeling, because it is a kind of a show of power here; but my question to Delegate Mudd is, what does he mean when he calls the Senate of Maryland a gentleman's club?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: The definition "club," Delegate Malkus?

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have your microphone on?

DELEGATE MUDD: The title, use of the word "club," Delegate Malkus, I adopted from some debate here a few days