

amendment by striking out the last sentence of paragraph A, beginning with the word if, "if one of the nominees does not receive a majority vote of all delegates elected to the Convention, the delegate with the lower vote shall be removed from the list and the same procedure followed until a President is elected," and inserting in lieu thereof, "if one of the nominees does not receive a majority vote of all the delegates elected to the Convention, the same procedure shall be followed with another secret ballot until a president is elected."

THE CHAIRMAN: I think we will accept the amendment. Are you ready for the vote? The Chair recognizes Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: This proposal by Delegate Weidemeyer is actually one that calls for the election of officers by secret ballot. The members of this Constitutional Convention who are assembled here today represent the sovereignty of the people of Maryland, and our acts here today are public acts. There is no place here for secrecy. The people of Maryland have the right to know what we do, and how we stand. When we assumed this public position, we assumed a public trust; and therefore, all of our acts in this Convention are public property; so we must now stand up and be counted, especially in the all-important task of electing our officers.

I urge you to vote No on this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will vote on the adoption of the first amendment by Delegate Weidemeyer. All in favor, say Aye; opposed, No. The Noes seem to have it. The Noes have it. The amendment fails for want of a majority.

We are following a procedure which forces voting on this. If there is any real doubt on this, we will have a roll call. The Chair recognizes Delegate Clark.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: I have an amendment to Rule 1 that I would like to offer.

THE CHAIRMAN: Please proceed.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: They are already on the desk, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does the Secretary have a copy?

DELEGATE J. CLARK: Will the Clerk read the amendment?

THE SECRETARY: The amendment to the standing Rules of the Convention, intro-

duced by Delegates Clark, Fornos, Hostetter, Koss, Pascal and Ulrich:

Amendment to Rule 1: On page 1 of the mimeographed proposed rules, in Rule 1, and following the second paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

"All sessions of this Convention and all meetings of its committees shall be open to the public at all times, and no rules shall be promulgated which in any way infringe upon the public's right to information about this Convention."

DELEGATE J. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Convention: To me this is a very basic thing. I think it is important that we vote upon it at this time. Today, right at this moment, one of the primary goals of this Convention should be to gain and keep the confidence of the people of this State. This Convention belongs to them, not to us, and I think the most concrete step that we can make to gain that confidence, to make a beginning, is to adopt this rule, and I move for its immediate adoption.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there further discussion? The Chair recognizes Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: I would very heartily concur with Delegate Clark. The first step to be taken is that there will not be a secret ballot. The next logical step, that there shall be no secret meetings. I hope that we invoke the rules for both of these.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: A point of order. Is seconding required of these motions or resolutions which the President is now entertaining?

THE CHAIRMAN: No. I think it is normal parliamentary procedure to require a second. That is ancient history.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I would like to second the motion of Senator Clark so the record may stand clear. We discussed problems of libeling last night, and I second it nevertheless.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Committee.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: The Committee finds Senator Clark's amendment acceptable to it. The idea of parity for all is the same.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President pro tem, I find myself in a very embar-