

an officer of the court under the present court structure, will no longer be the situation, and I respectfully suggest that the most convenient and efficient method for this judicial arm of the judicial system to operate is as a special deputy or in some category under the clerk of court, more closely assigned to the judicial branch. I envision the register of wills of the future to be almost identical with the trust clerk that we now have in so many counties to whom the duties of administering trust estates is exclusively assigned.

I can assure you that my first opinion, rejection of this amendment will not in any way derogate the important functions now performed by the register of wills and I am confident that many of the present registers of wills or their very competent deputies will be continuing as part of the clerk's office function under the overall proposal that our majority has recommended and I therefore urge you to vote against the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will ring the quorum bell, please.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment 61 to Committee Recommendation JB-1; a vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment; a vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Do any delegates desire to change their vote?

The Clerk will record the vote. There being 48 votes in the affirmative and 72 in the negative, the motion fails and the amendment is rejected.

The Chair is not advised of any other amendments and this concludes the matters on the Debate Schedule.

The question now arises on the approval. Will the Clerk please ring the quorum bell again?

Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, if the delegates would turn to section 5.21, "term of office of judge," that is on page 6, Mr. Chairman, largely because of the very moving speech yesterday by Delegate Scanlan with respect to the monumental proportions of this article wherein

he referred to it in effect being a kingly article, I am wondering, Mr. Chairman, if it would be in order to move to strike the title of section 5.21 "term of office of judge", and substitute in lieu thereof, "length of reign."

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The question arises on the approval of Committee Recommendation JB-1 as amended. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the approval of the recommendation as amended. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 96 votes in the affirmative and 23 in the negative, Committee Recommendation JB-1 is approved with amendments.

The Chair thinks at this time to call attention to the fact that this committee recommendation has been under consideration for nearly five days continuously, the Chairman of the Committee and the staff adviser and administrative assistant have been obliged to be on the firing line continuously during that time.

The minority spokesman has been obliged to be continuously on the firing line during that time for the presentation and consideration of 61 amendments and the answer of numerous inquiries.

I do not believe it would be possible for any Convention assembled anywhere to have presented to it in such fine fashion the opposing points of view on an article as important as the article comprising the judicial branch as this Convention has been privileged to hear.

I think the combined efforts of the Committee Chairman and of the minority, particularly the minority spokesman in working together to present reports that point up the issues as sharply and clearly as they have been pointed up to enable this Convention to record its opinion so decisively should be commended and I suggest to you that it can only be properly done by a rising vote of thanks at this time.

*(The Committee of the Whole rose and applauded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: I can add one personal word to that and I can assure you