

DELEGATE CARDIN: Do you intend any further possible transitional legislation to accompany this?

DELEGATE KEY: No. The purpose of this article is to say to the legislature that we want it to act.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further questions?

Delegate Lloyd Taylor.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Delegate Key, in the State of New York when they discussed this particular subject they introduced the Consumer Protection Bill of Rights.

Would you say that the attempt by this particular constitutional poll is to protect the right of the individual in terms of his money?

In other words, when he buys anything on the market, he should have the right of protection from the State in protecting himself from fraud and so forth. You say this is the intention of the Committee Recommendation?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Key.

DELEGATE KEY: Well, the intention of the Committee is to protect the citizen.

Now, whether it is a right or not, as long as it is done, we want it in the constitution, you know. Whether it belongs in as a right or as a general provision, we need to start.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Taylor.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Would you say this is a right, the states have a responsibility within their police power to give this protection to the citizen?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Key.

DELEGATE KEY: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further questions of the Committee?

Delegate Beatrice Miller.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a point of parliamentary inquiry, if I might.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your inquiry.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: For four and a half or five days we have sat here and discussed legal justice and the attention of the Convention was given to that subject. To some of us, economic justice happens to be just as important. If the hour is so late and the delegates are so tired that we can-

not give proper consideration to this article, we should delay it until Monday morning and consider it afresh.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair observes there have been as many delegates present during this discussion as there have been during the day. At the time of the presentation, every delegate was present in his seat. We have to move on and I think we should bring this matter to conclusion one way or another.

Delegate Koger.

DELEGATE KOGER: I would like to rise to point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the privilege.

DELEGATE KOGER: To me, Mr. Chairman, this is one of the most important subjects to come before this Convention. Now, I came here, I listened and tried to give all I could to the judiciary aspects of the Convention.

Now this deals with the people, the little people that I am trying to represent, and I think you should give this thing proper attention; I think in the first place, we are staging it incorrectly.

Ordinarily I have to agree with you in every step, but I do not agree with you right now. First of all, you have a lame Committee. You do not have the Committee chaired properly —

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koger, I think the presentation by Delegate Key has been just as forceful and complete as it could possibly have been by anyone else on the Committee.

DELEGATE KOGER: I did not mean it that way. I think they have done most ably. But what I am trying to say is that this should come up at a better time and not just before Thanksgiving day, and most of us want to get to our homes. We do not have the proper setting for something as important as the rights of the consumer, the protection of the people against harmful business practices. That is most important to me.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair believes the matter could be disposed of this afternoon just as well as it could be Monday morning, but in view of the fact that there are delegates that feel very strongly that a continuation of the consideration of this matter this afternoon would not be just to them, the Chair would recognize Delegate Powers to move that the Committee of the Whole rise, and we will move ahead with this at the next sitting.