

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.

THE CHAIRMAN: There being 68 votes in the affirmative and 68 in the negative the motion is lost. Committee Recommendation No. 1 is rejected.

For what purpose does Delegate Gallagher rise?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Is it now in order to move a reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment prevailed?

THE CHAIRMAN: The question that the Chair is uncertain of is not whether you can move a reconsideration. I think you can.

The question is whether you must first move a reconsideration of the vote just taken, the 68 to 68 vote; and I would like to have a moment or two to consider.

The Chair is ready to announce its ruling. A motion to reconsider would be in order, provided the motion couples in one motion a reconsideration of the vote by which the Committee Recommendation just failed, and reconsideration of the vote by which that Recommendation was amended. They would be put as one vote, but the two would have to be combined.

Do you so move?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to the motion?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: What is the effect of the new vote?

THE CHAIRMAN: If the vote is in favor of the reconsideration, we go back to the amendment and reconsider that as the first matter, whether the amendment should be made, and then, depending upon what action was taken on that amendment, we would proceed further.

Does that answer your inquiry?

DELEGATE DUKES: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: In the event this motion to reconsider is defeated, am I

correct in assuming that there would be under the present Committee Report no recommendation in this area?

THE CHAIRMAN: That is correct.

DELEGATE DUKES: And if the motion to reconsider passes we would be open to reconsider the earlier votes?

THE CHAIRMAN: That is right. But the first vote to be reconsidered would be the adoption of the amendment.

DELEGATE DUKES: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any discussion of the motion to reconsider? Are you ready for the question?

Delegate Burgess.

DELEGATE BURGESS: May we have a quorum call at this time, sir?

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: I do not have the slightest idea what a vote Yes or a vote No will mean in this situation. Could you explain it in simple terms from the standpoint of those who would like to have a Board of Public Works in the Constitution and those who are against it. Then we will be in a position to dispose of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair will endeavor to explain the situation as he understands it.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of reconsidering the tie vote by which the motion to approve the Recommendation failed, and to reconsider the vote by which the Recommendation was amended to strike the word "not".

If that motion prevails, namely, if a majority vote in favor of the motion to reconsider, we will be precisely where we were before any of the votes were taken. We will then have before us the Committee Recommendation.

The question then before you would be the amendment. The Chair will put to you the question of whether the amendment should be made.

The procedure thereafter would be exactly the same as it has been the past ten minutes or so.

For what purpose does Delegate White rise?