

DELEGATE FREEDLANDER: Would the Chairman of the Committee please yield for a question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan, do you yield?

DELEGATE MORGAN: I yield.

DELEGATE FREEDLANDER: Will this new body be called the interdepartmental board of review or will it be called the Department of Public Works?

DELEGATE MORGAN: Delegate Freedlander, it really does not make much difference to me what you call it, I just thought that calling it the Interdepartmental Board of Review was much more accurate than calling it the Board of Public Works.

Actually, if I were a kid in high school, when I came across the Board of Public Works, I would have thought it had something to do with the construction of dams and building bridges and things of that sort. When I found out that it had control over expenditures and the creation of state expenditures from the emergency fund and approval of travel expenses of people coming from Missouri to the University of Maryland for the purpose of interviewing the president for a teaching job and approving the plans of the West Annapolis Fire Department to hold its annual carnival on the Naval Academy parking lot grounds, I just thought calling it the interdepartmental board of review was a much more accurate title than the Board of Public Works.

DELEGATE FREEDLANDER: I have another question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Freedlander.

DELEGATE FREEDLANDER: In the light of your reply then what would be the purpose of freezing into the Constitution a Board that may never exist by this name, namely, the Board of Public Works if it is the intention of the Committee to have the existing powers frozen in. Could this not be done by a schedule of transition legislation rather than freezing in words that may be meaningless upon the adoption of this constitution?

THE CHAIRMAN: I think the Chair should stick to what would be the effect of a recommendation to be included in a committee report.

This is not language to be included in the constitution. Under the rules of the Convention, only a Committee Recommenda-

tion can include language to be included in the constitution.

This proposal recommending the correction of an interdepartmental board of review, if approved, would, the Chair believes, require the Committee on the Executive Branch to draft precise language to carry that recommendation into effect. It would not necessarily be the precise words in this recommendation. You concur in that understanding, Delegate Morgan?

DELEGATE MORGAN: I concur in that understanding, but I would like to add that in the amendment itself, that is the amendment which the Committee adopted this morning, we set out the existing functions of the Board of Public Works in general terms and said that the legislature could describe such of these functions as it chose to prescribe for the new interdepartmental board of review.

It seems to me highly desirable that this Convention when it sets up an interdepartmental board of review at least indicate the kind of things it has in mind for the board of review to review.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment?

Delegate Fornos?

DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. Chairman, I have a substitution to this amendment for lines 17 and 18 which is being drafted and in the absence of its being before the Convention, if there is consent, I would like to explain it and then let us discuss it while the amendment is being mimeographed.

THE CHAIRMAN: Can you indicate the nature?

DELEGATE FORNOS: In view of the fact the Convention voted to retain the office of the comptroller, I would strike on line 17 "an individual" and on line 18, all of it except the comma, and then substitute "the comptroller as a member of the board of—", whatever we call this thing.

THE CHAIRMAN: How long ago was the amendment prepared?

DELEGATE FORNOS: At the point we indicated we would go to Recommendation No. 1.

THE CHAIRMAN: As the Chair understands the proposed amendment, it would delete from line 17 the words "an individual" and—

DELEGATE FORNOS: No.