

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, I have a question. I believe it probably should be directed to Delegate Morgan, if he will yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE MORGAN: I yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Delegate Morgan, this question may or may not, or should or should not be directed to you, I am not certain. But I believe I have heard or read of a compromise pertaining to the Board of Public Works, or some other named board, that would consist of five members. One would be the comptroller, another would be the treasurer, and the governor, of course, and two others appointed by the governor.

Could you tell me what happened to that idea?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: That so-called compromise was offered in the Executive Branch Committee and was defeated. It was also offered I believe again this morning, but it was the feeling of the majority on the Committee that that did not represent a compromise, that it represented a capitulation on the part of the majority, and so by a 15 to 5 vote the Executive Branch Committee voted to adopt the amendment that we have before us now as the compromise.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Delegate Morgan, how does that compromise or capitulation that we were just speaking about, differ in principle really from the compromise proposal that your Committee just offered?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: I think the majority of the Committee felt that a five-man Board of Public Works was too large and too unwieldy to go over the large agendas that the board has, and that a three-man board would be sufficient to do that. Also at the time that that was proposed to us with the compromise, the majority of the Committee would not agree to elect a comptroller, and we would not agree with an elected attorney general, or a treasurer elected by the General Assembly. And so we agreed to this so-called compromise instead

of its having been a capitulation on the part of the majority. In lieu thereof the Committee adopted the proposal which I have offered as an amendment to Committee Recommendation No. 1.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Delegate Morgan, would you agree that inasmuch as the Committee has provided for the office of comptroller in the constitution and probably the election thereof, if you can speak for the entire Committee — I don't know whether you can or not — but should the comptroller not be on this board?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: The Committee voted that down twice, and I would be opposed to it the third time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Was that before or after the action of the Committee of the Whole with respect to the inclusion in the constitution of the office of comptroller?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: That was before the action of the Committee of the Whole, but at the present time I would be very much opposed to it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I would just like to see the Committee get together for another meeting, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not think we can continue these recesses to permit the Committee on the Executive Branch to meet indefinitely.

For what purpose does Delegate Clagett rise?

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, to ask Delegate Morgan to yield to a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE MORGAN: I yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Delegate Morgan, would you please explain to me wherein this amendment avoids the dispersion of the executive authority and the ability of the government to implement its programs?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.