

THE CHAIRMAN: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Do I understand we are going to vote on reconsidering the vote by which Recommendation No. 2 was adopted and also the vote to amend Recommendation No. 2?

THE CHAIRMAN: That was not the motion, as the Chair understands it. I will ask Delegate Gleason about that.

DELEGATE GLEASON: That was my motion, as Delegate Chabot phrased it.

THE CHAIRMAN: You intend your motion to be to reconsider the vote by which the Committee of the Whole approved the committee recommendation as amended, and to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to Committee Recommendation No. 2 was approved? Is that your motion?

DELEGATE GLEASON: That is correct.

Is that motion seconded?

THE CHAIRMAN: For what purpose does Delegate Sybert rise?

DELEGATE SYBERT: A matter of parliamentary inquiry.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE SYBERT: Is it parliamentary correct to reconsider the votes on two separate motions?

THE CHAIRMAN: As the Chair indicated when a similar question arose several days ago, that is the only way in which the motion to reconsider the amendment could be put to the Committee of the Whole.

I think it is proper, and I so ruled several days ago.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Gleason to speak to the motion.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates: It appears to this representative at this Convention that for the past four weeks while this Committee has marched up a hill to reform, sometimes laboriously so—yesterday and today we decided to march down that hill very rapidly, for we decided yesterday that instead of having three branches of the government, we are going to continue to have four branches of government; and by the vote that has been concluded just now we have expanded that four to five.

It is my humble judgment—and I do not say this in disrespect to any member of the Committee here present—that there is

a great deal of politics enmeshed in this entire question.

When we look back over the governors that have been elected in this State since the beginning of the century, the Manual tells us that there are 12 governors who have held that office, and of those 12 governors, 8 have come out of the offices of the attorney general and comptroller before reaching the office of governor.

Now, I asked myself the question, as I hoped some of you delegates would ask the question of yourselves, where are these people when they are not attending to responsibilities which you think are so precious in the offices to which they are elected? Where are they being maintained when these people are out campaigning for the office of governor? We have looked at the duties of the attorney general as advising the legislature, advising the governor, but how can we have those duties maintained when one eye is on the law and the other eye is on the gubernatorial seat?

There has been much talk in this chamber about Jeffersonian democracy and Hamiltonian aristocracy. I wish that delegate would go back and read the Federalist papers sometime, because there is one message that comes through those papers, and that message is that the federal government will handle the big affairs of the country, international and domestic affairs, but all the other matters will be left to the states.

Now, ask yourself, where do we stand today with the federal government? Are they handling just the big affairs of the country in international events? They are handling the events of our citizens in Maryland that have heretofore but not in the last 25 years been handled by the states.

That is one message that we have to get clear to ourselves.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason, I am sorry, your time has expired. I will have to call time on you. After other delegates have spoken, you can speak again.

Delegate Schneider.

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: I would like to speak against the motion to reconsider, although I intend to vote for an appointed comptroller.

I think we should take another vote as to whether or not the comptroller should be in the constitution. Later today we will again have an amendment to the section of the committee recommendation of the Ex-