

THE CHAIRMAN: There is always that possibility, which the Chair hopes will never arise.

If we get to that point, I fear we will never finish.

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises now on the adoption of Amendment No. 2, to strike the word "not" in line 18 of Committee Recommendation No. 2.

The effect of the amendment and effect of a vote Aye is to change the recommendation so that it will recommend that the office of comptroller be provided for in the constitution. The effect of a vote No is against the amendment, to have the recommendation as recommended by the Committee.

A vote Aye, a vote in favor of the amendment; a vote No, against, after which we will submit the question on the recommendation.

Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Mr. President, is there time allotted to speak in favor of the amendment?

THE CHAIRMAN: I thought we had concluded debate. There is no allotted time on this debate. If you desire to speak again, you may.

DELEGATE DORSEY: How much time?

THE CHAIRMAN: Three minutes.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Very well.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of this Convention: Yesterday I thought that this Convention had laid to rest the question of whether or not the comptroller would remain in the constitution, but it seems that the leadership of this Convention is hell bent upon taking away the rights of the people to have any voice in the election of the officers of this State, a right which they have enjoyed for the past century.

In the midst of debate yesterday, before the allotted time had expired, this Convention recessed in order to bring about a compromise.

I say that the hope of the President of this Convention is that they are writing a draft which will be adopted by the people and which will last for another 100 years,

but I say to you in all sincerity, if you take away the rights of the people to have a voice in these offices, which they have possessed for the past century, you may be preparing a draft which will expire on the 14th of May.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, just let me say briefly, the President and the Chairman of this Committee may have to take a lot of abuse with respect to proceedings of this Convention, but with respect to the motion for reconsideration, I want to say to the fellow delegates, this was Delegate Gleason's idea, and I have never talked to the President or any other leader of this Committee with respect to that purpose.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Linton.

DELEGATE LINTON: Mr. Chairman, members of this Convention:

I have been silent on this subject, and I would like to say just a few remarks at this time.

After the legislature met this year they cancelled a reciprocal agreement with surrounding states on motor fuel tax, and I had a visit from an employee of the comptroller's office; I could have been in Russia, the treatment I had from this man.

I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, we are not talking about the present comptroller. We are talking about a service to every individual in this State. We need a comptroller, regardless of who he is, that is responsive to the people of this State when problems arise on the collection of taxes.

My particular problem was an innocent oversight of a law that I did not know had been passed. At that time, the law was extended, after not only a complaint from myself, but from a number of truckers in the State.

I believe that the question here is not the individual who has made phone calls, the question is a service to the people. We need a comptroller who is responsive and elected. It should be provided for in the constitution, and we should vote yes on this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Before calling the vote, I think a further word is necessary as to the question raised by Delegate Wheatley. I said that the action of the