

Should we lean then our ballot this way when we have two officials, when we could emulate New Jersey and Maine and have only one and simplify the election procedure for the folks around the Washington area who have such long ballots and get confused by having three elected state-wide officials?

We would only be reduced to two and if the lieutenant governor were appointed, would this not shorten the ballot?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: The voter is not going to have to pull any more levers on the voting machine than he does now, because he pulls the governor and lieutenant governor lever together. Just one lever votes for both people.

*(Laughter.)*

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Do you feel some voters will get confused and be looking around for another lever to pull for the lieutenant governor and be unsatisfied and be worried for fear that they had cast a spoiled ballot?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Chairman Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: I would doubt that.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: You do feel sincerely that we are not dispersing the authority of the governor by having another man comparably elected with in fact the same number of votes that the governor gets and being able to say to the governor that most of those people voted for him rather than the governor. Are we not dispersing the powers of the executive and weakening him so he will not be able to either take us forward to the 21st Century or back to the 17th as the new governor will in fact be able to do if he has all the other powers?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Chairman Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: My answer is no, I do not.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Thank you for your faith in the new lieutenant governor.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: I am happy to announce the presence of two groups in the gallery immediately before you. I hope they have enjoyed the subtle and interesting examination by Delegate Storm of Frederick County.

The first group, first because they were here first, are students from the Roland Park Country School with their advisor, Mrs. Fetter, and also one of the mothers, Mrs. George Parkhurst.

The other group are girl students from Trinity School in Ilchester. They are accompanied by their teacher, Sister Gertrude and Sister Katherine Anthony. They are having a liberal education this afternoon and I hope this body will welcome them.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Convention is very happy to welcome these two groups.

*(Applause.)*

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: With regard to section 4.03 but on a completely different tack, I wonder if you could tell us how many other states permit the governor to delegate to the lieutenant governor or to any other officer the power to sign veto bills?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Chairman Morgan.

CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I think in most states the governor would not confer all of his powers on the lieutenant governor. I assume that that would give the lieutenant governor as acting governor the power to veto the bills. I do not know of any state where the governor can delegate part of his powers or any part of his powers to the lieutenant governor.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Why did the Committee feel that it was important that Maryland break new ground on this particular point, of permitting the governor to delegate specifically the power to sign veto bills?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Morgan.