

The General Assembly does not care particularly about the bill so there is no special session, which is possible here in three different ways if they want one. Then, they come back in the same elected General Assembly.

What is the reason then to bring this up? If they really cared about it they could slap the same bill at the governor, he could have to give it back to them while they are in session, and it could go into effect just as fast as the old bill did.

Excuse me for being so complicated, but I do not know of any other way to say this thing. I cannot see the value of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I believe perhaps the legislature might not care about some of the bills that were vetoed, but might care about others, and I think it would be more appropriate to take all the vetoed bills up at the next regular session for disposal, either overriding or concurrence, as the case might be.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyce.

DELEGATE BOYCE: Delegate Gallagher, that would seem to me a waste of the legislature's time, because why take up bills that they really do not care about?

Suppose they are constitutionally different. They are going to re-write them if they want to get them through or if they cared about them, they could have had a special session.

It seems to me what we are doing here is forcing the legislature to take up these bills which they may not particularly want to take up.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: In response to that, there is only one way really, of knowing whether or not the legislature cares and that is by taking a vote as to whether or not they wish to override the governor.

Rather than going through the cumbersome procedure of re-introducing a bill, holding hearings and using the time of the General Assembly it would seem much better to have as your first order of business the consideration of bills vetoed by the governor.

I was a member of the General Assembly which passed the constitutional amendment, which provided this, for each year

of the General Assembly's meeting except the first year, and I found it to be a helpful practice.

I do not know about the other members of the General Assembly, though.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyce.

DELEGATE BOYCE: I cannot agree with you but thank you for answering my question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Would the Chairman yield for a question or two?

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

DELEGATE MORGAN: I yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: I thought I heard during the course of discussion that vetoed bills could only be considered in a special session.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: That is bills that are vetoed after the sine die adjournment of the regular session; bills that are vetoed during the regular session are returned to that session and can be overridden in that session, but this refers only to bills that are referred after the sine die adjournment of the regular session.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Section 4.17 is very clear as to the bills which are returned by the governor during the sitting of the General Assembly, in that he shall return them forthwith and they shall act on them then. However, we have language here, in addition to your language in lines 16 and 17, that the bill as returned by the governor may be reconsidered by the General Assembly.

Do you interpret that line, 19 and 20, as meaning only at a special session called for the purpose of considering the vetoed bills or would that refer to the next session of the term of the General Assembly which passed it?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: It is only a special session.