

on this board of public review a man who may no longer have the physical knowledge and experience and day to day control that he should have for making his decisions as a member of this board, and I am opposed to this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry for those who are ashamed to be with us tonight. I am particularly sorry because this is my proudest day as a member of this Convention. It has been clear for all of today, and a good deal of yesterday and the day before, that a struggle would evolve around the particular item which is before us now. If it is bad, if the principle of compromise is a weakness, then I am sure my marriage of 12 years will last no more than two weeks. I am sure I would have abandoned my three children years ago, I am sure I would have never settled a law case and I am sure as I drive home tonight I would run over many people. I think probably a day would not go by without some form of compromise. I believe that each of the persons who sponsored the amendment before us still believes as firmly what he believed before. I also believe from my experience that whenever a number of people from each side can stand up and say that the other side got all the best of the deal and that they got all the worse of it, the agreement was not very bad at all. Under these circumstances, I hope we will go to a compelling vote, push this amendment over, clear up the matter because as Delegate Penniman says, it is not very important and we are spending a lot of time on it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I rise upon a point of inquiry.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE MALKUS: And I direct that to you, sir.

Is there any parliamentary procedure that you know of by which I could move to delay this thing until 11:00 o'clock tomorrow morning?

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair heretofore answered the inquiry and told you you could move the Committee to rise. You did so. You were not sustained. I know of no other procedure.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Is that the same procedure that was used some two days ago when we were talking about the Board of Public Works?

THE CHAIRMAN: It was precisely the same.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Now, Mr. President, may I speak.

THE CHAIRMAN: You may speak.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I doubt very seriously, no one seems to care, and I am like some other people in this body, I am starting to lose respect for what we are doing. I doubt seriously, Mr. President, whether very many people in this Convention know what these amendments do. I could ask the Chairman to give me in detail the difference between the duties of the comptroller under the old system and this system. I would like, Mr. President, to have that opportunity but this Convention only gave me 18 votes. They do not seem to care. There really is not any use in talking anymore because the whole Convention has gone to pot. Everybody is talking about the authorities around here. There is dickering. We have a right to do that but I do not know, Mr. President, what this amendment does. I do not know and I am going to accuse most of you here of not knowing also what this amendment does, but if you want to go ahead and throw something out the window that has been in existence for 109 years because at this late hour this afternoon you have come up with a compromise, you are smarter than I am, all of you are smarter than I am. I do not know what this compromise does; I do not know that this amendment does.

Mr. President—

THE CHAIRMAN: You have one-half minute, Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Well, you know I made a speech last night in Pikesville, Mr. President, and I was talking in opposition to Clinton Bamberger, and every time he talked too long, do you know what I said, Mr. President, you have 15 more seconds, Clinton.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have a little less than that right now.

DELEGATE MALKUS: And like Clinton Bamberger said to you and I say it to you, Mr. President, he did not shut up and I know you will not cut me off. You are too much of a gentleman for that, but, Mr. President, there is no sense talking any further. Let's get on with the show. Let's do anything you want, anything you want and let's go ahead and talk to the people on May 12.