

vote, shall hold its meetings or otherwise act in such manner and shall have such powers as the General Assembly may prescribe."

THE CHAIRMAN: Is that suggestion satisfactory to you, Delegate Sickles?

DELEGATE SICKLES: I have no objection to that language.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: I have no objection, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Then, the amendment is further modified so that the sentence beginning in line 10, which will be now the last sentence of the section, will read as follows: "The Board shall act by majority vote, shall hold its meetings or otherwise act in such manner and have such powers as the General Assembly may prescribe."

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, Article 78 (A) of the Code contains 35 or 40 sections pertaining to the various powers, limitations and outgrowths of the Board of Public Works. I ask Chairman Morgan if it would be his intention that all those powers devolved by Article 78 upon the Board of Public Works would be devolved upon this interdepartmental board of review so there would not be a hiatus or lapse, because there is nothing in the constitution that says all those powers formerly exercised by the Board of Public Works shall devolve upon the interdepartmental board of review.

THE CHAIRMAN: If that is true, it would properly be a matter for the schedule of legislation.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: May I suggest that to the Chairman?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: We have not made our recommendations for the transitional provisions in the schedule of legislation to the General Provisions Committee as yet. We will have it, though, and will take this suggestion into consideration.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Delegate Barrick had the floor first.

DELEGATE BARRICK: I would like to ask the Chairman a question, if I may, please.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan, do you yield?

DELEGATE MORGAN: I yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Barrick.

DELEGATE BARRICK: I am a little confused as to the difference in the report as it was submitted earlier today, or yesterday, and the amendment. It seems that in the report, Report No. 3, it very definitely locked into the board of review the existing powers of the Board of Public Works and as I read that, the General Assembly could not change those powers but could add to them.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan. Do you have a further question, Delegate Barrick?

DELEGATE BARRICK: No. I think he has answered my question. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Chairman and Delegate Morgan, I must be under some sort of a misapprehension. I had thought that one of the objectives here was to prevent the legislature from passing the buck to this interdepartmental board in so many ways and to restrict some of these 35 powers it has now. What you have done is give the General Assembly a blank check when you authorized them to prescribe all of their powers. I had thought you had a very good amendment here because you indicated in a way the dimensions of the authority of this Board when you enumerated these powers because that gives some guide as to what the Convention might think. I regret to see that you have struck out these powers in answer to Delegate Case's suggestion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, there was no intention to limit the authority of the General Assembly to give the Board of Public Works any authority it deemed desirable. This was simply a device for telling what the Convention had in mind, or why it originally created this board of review, but there was no intention to limit the General Assembly from adding any functions it wanted to to those that were enumerated.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Will the Chairman yield for another question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: I yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley.