

DELEGATE MAURER: Mr. Chairman, there is an amendment which is not yet printed with the names of several delegates on it and I wonder if we might have an opportunity to return to it when it is printed.

THE CHAIRMAN: What section?

DELEGATE MAURER: 4.20.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right.

Any other amendments to section 4.20? The Chair hears none.

Are there any amendments to section 4.21?

Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: I have an amendment that is labelled "A" as in able.

THE CHAIRMAN: There is a true Navy man.

The pages will please distribute the amendment marked A. Please mark it Amendment No. 22.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 22 to Committee Recommendation EB-1 by Delegate Storm: On page 8 Section 4.21, Appointment of Heads of principal Departments and Chief Administrative Officers, line 30, after the word "departments" insert the words "or as members of boards and Commissions serving as heads of principal departments"; and on page 8 line 31, strike out the word "occupational".

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is proposed by Delegate Storm.

Is it seconded?

Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: I second the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Storm to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE STORM: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates, I feel that this will be the last time I will be compelled to talk for some time. This is a very important amendment.

The use of the word "occupational" is a rather restrictive word on the qualifications which may be provided by the General Assembly.

I am suggesting that we eliminate "occupational" qualifications and just say

qualifications, and for this reason: there are now a number of boards or commissions and some of these may be principal departments which provide that there will be at least two parties represented on the board or commission.

In other words, minority party representation could be a qualification unless we say that we mean a professional or occupational qualification.

Another example would be a geographical qualification. For example, we might want to require someone from the Washington metropolitan area, or better perhaps, Frederick County, to sit on a principal department board that might have something to do with the Washington metropolitan area, or we might want to require for the State Road Commission that one member come from Montgomery County and another from Prince George's and one from Baltimore City, or whatever way the legislature would set this up.

I submit we should not hamstring the legislature in providing qualifications. When we look to the future, there may be times when it will be advisable to have some qualifications other than just professional qualifications in providing membership on these boards or commissions.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Unless there is some objection from members of the Committee, I am inclined to accept this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any member of the Committee on the Executive Branch desire to speak in opposition to the amendment?

Delegate Miller, Beatrice Miller.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: I have a question, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: To whom is the question addressed?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: To Delegate Morgan.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the question.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: In the memorandum accompanying this amendment it says in the opinion of the Committee the General Assembly could provide for no special qualification unless this section so prescribed it.

Because of that they inserted the word "occupational." Is this your interpretation,