

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell. The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 26 to Committee Recommendation EB-1. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the Amendment No. 26. A vote No, is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Delegate Boyce, announce your vote.

DELEGATE BOYCE: Aye, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have all delegates voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 114 votes in the affirmative and one in the negative, the motion is carried. Amendment No. 26 is adopted.

The next section that we had passed was section 4.20.

Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: I understand that Amendment No. 12 was in some form of limbo, in view of our action on Amendment No. 26.

May I remove it from the limbo and permanently withdraw it?

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir.

Amendment No. 12 was laid aside. It is now withdrawn by Delegate Chabot. Thank you, Delegate Chabot.

Amendment to 4.20, was that your amendment, Delegate Maurer?

DELEGATE MAURER: It is Mr. Fornos' amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Amendment marked BK will be distributed by the pages.

Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your privilege.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: I understand that there is a venerable delegate here among us who is very anxious to know of my whereabouts. I am here, where is he?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: Mr. Chairman, I understand he is out looking for Delegate Clagett.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I note among the visitors in the gallery that we are privileged this morning to have the only female member of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the Honorable Shirley Brannock Jones, and I would appreciate it if the Chair would extend an invitation and welcome to her this morning.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delighted to have her with us.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I think it might be desirable in view of the time that those two delegates get together at high noon to encounter each other.

THE CHAIRMAN: Amendment No. 27. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 27 to Committee Recommendation EB-1, by Delegates Abramson, Case, Fox, Gallagher, Robey, Fornos, Sickles, Maurer, Harris, Neilson: On pages 7 and 8 section 4.20, Heads of Principal Departments of the Executive Branch, strike out all of line 50 on page 7 and lines 1 through 7, inclusive, on page 8 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The head of each principal department of the executive branch shall be a single executive unless otherwise provided in this constitution."

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment has been seconded.

Delegate Abramson, do you desire to speak to the amendment, or Delegate Fornos? The Chair recognizes Delegate Fornos to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, during the late hours of yesterday afternoon I got the distinct impression that very many of us were tired and somewhat cantankerous by the long debate over the executive article. A very prime objective of executive governments appeared to have been lost when during those closing hours we did not properly consider the principle of whether the prime departments of government or cabinet agencies, if you will, the principal departments which we are establishing should be administered and headed by a board or