

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyce votes Aye.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 37 votes in the affirmative and 83 in the negative the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

Delegate Sickles' motion to section 4.25. Do you desire to offer that, Delegate Sickles?

DELEGATE SICKLES: I do, Mr. Chairman. It is BJ.

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will distribute amendment BJ. This will be Amendment No. 28.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 28 to Committee Recommendation EB-1, by Delegate Sickles: On page 9 section 4.25, Information from Administrative Officers, in line 50 after the word "government" add the following words: "or from any officer of any county, municipal corporation, civil unit or multi-county governmental unit".

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is offered by Delegate Sickles. Is there a second?

*(The amendment was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Sickles to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Mr. Chairman, the intention with respect to this amendment is to broaden the authority now contained in section 4.25, which authorizes the governor to secure certain information.

As it is set out now in section 4.25 it is limited to the executive branch of the state government, and for reasons which I shall suggest in a moment, I would like to have the chief executive also secure information from the county and other subdivisions of the State. That is the thrust of my amendment very simply.

The reason for this is that under section 4.12, we continue the governor's authority, and I guess responsibility, to recommend measures as he considers necessary or desirable to the General Assembly.

It seems to me that he has a further function in carrying out those programs

which are adopted by the General Assembly, of seeing in what manner and how effective these programs are being administered locally, particularly if it is an area where funds are provided from the State to local subdivisions.

Added to that, there is currently a system developed in, I guess what we would call it creative federalism, between the national and the state government, whereby there are many federal laws which require state plans to be adopted, and sometimes problems have been generated around the country whereby it has been difficult for the chief executive and the State to develop a program and get the information which is needed.

Those very simply and essentially are the reasons that I propose that the governor ought to be able to ask for and secure such information as provided in this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions of the sponsor of the amendment?

This is your time and your only time to ask questions of the sponsor.

Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, will Delegate Sickles yield for a question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles, do you yield?

DELEGATE SICKLES: I will be glad to yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Under this amendment, could the governor not require all these local units of government to keep records in such form and such manner and in such detail as the governor might prescribe and impose on all these local subdivisions expenses?

It really can mount up, as a matter of fact, depending upon the requirements that the governor imposes.

I am wondering if this is something you should require in the constitution, or whether it is something that ought not be worked out on a cooperative basis between the governor and the local subdivisions.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: It certainly is not my intention that we would set up a requirement by this provision that would set up certain standards, and the like. It seems to me what I am talking about, con-