

DELEGATE SICKLES: I must confess that when I faced this problem, I settled on the word "officer" because I thought that it would have a word of "art" meaning other than in the document, and I would be satisfied with that.

Now, you are asking me to make my intention clear. It seems to me in order to do that, I would then have to run through a series of questions with respect to specific officers and have a true and false test here. I am not sure that I have thought it through that far.

THE CHAIRMAN: Perhaps the record will be clear: You did not intend to limit it to the top officer?

DELEGATE SICKLES: That is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: My second question would be as to your intention with respect to the use of the word "information" as related to your amendment? Would it embrace, for instance, a request from the governor to a county executive to advise him as to the reasons why he made a particular decision or appointment or anything of that sort?

DELEGATE SICKLES: This was not my intention. It seemed to me it was not to be. If that were a published document, it would then be a matter of fact; the document would have outlined the reasons.

I am not looking for any subjective judgments on the part of the individual, just true facts.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Delegate Sybert.

DELEGATE SYBERT: Mr. Chairman, in view of Delegate Sickles' answer to your first question, I would like to pose a clarifying question.

In my county, we have had a janitor for many years. He is not decrepit, but he has a bad back. Recently we dressed up our courthouse by certain improvements. At the same time we changed the title of the janitor that I referred to, to the courthouse engineer.

Would you recommend that we downgrade this title so he cannot be requested for information by the governor?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: My human instincts would say I think he ought to retain the title and if he were asked a question he ought to answer it.

*(Laughter.)*

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

If not, the Chair recognizes Delegate Morgan to speak in opposition.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, as I indicated in the questions that I asked of Delegate Sickles, I am afraid that the way this amendment is drafted, it would really force the governor to require local subdivisions and municipalities to keep records in certain forms on certain subjects and would impose expenses on counties that they just do not want to bear. I really think that the governor's getting the information from the local units of government can be handled on a cooperative basis, much better than putting a requirement in the constitution that the county has to furnish the governor with information that the governor may require.

I, therefore, oppose this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

*(There was no response.)*

Any other delegate desire to speak in opposition?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 28 to Committee Recommendation EB-1. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 28. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote? Delegate Boyce, you are voting in the negative?

DELEGATE BOYCE: Yes, in the negative.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 18 votes in the affirmative and 102 in the negative. The motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

Those are all the amendments to this article of which the Chair has any knowledge.