

DELEGATE JAMES: Now, directing your attention to the requirement, you do not have any real idea what it would cost. They are very expensive.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: As expensive as the transcription of the debates at this Convention.

DELEGATE JAMES: You do not have any idea how many people are looking at the transcripts of this Convention, do you?

*(Laughter.)*

Well, do not answer that. Do not answer that.

"All final committee votes on all bills in both houses shall be entered by individual recorded vote in the daily journal of the appropriate house."

Do you want the names of every committee vote as it comes out of the committee?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: That is correct, Senator.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: Directing your attention to section 3.16, suppose you had a very acute emergency which would require the legislature to act immediately, an invasion of the country, an earthquake, some really distinct emergency. Do you want the legislature to dawdle for five days until it can act?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: No, Senator, we do not want the legislature to dawdle in case of an emergency, and we have provided upon deferment of three-fifths members present and voting that this requirement can be suspended.

DELEGATE JAMES: That is the second half. In the House of Delegates is there any way that the assembly can act anyway, without waiting for five days?

We had the intention for it to apply to both houses, and we would ask the Committee on Style and Drafting to have it cover both houses. It was intended that both houses would suspend.

DELEGATE JAMES: All right.

I would have no objection if it is both houses.

THE CHAIRMAN: You are saying the clause beginning on line 38 and continuing on line 40, "except upon the affirmative vote of three-fifths of all the members voting and present, a quorum being present,"

is intended to apply to both previous clauses of that sentence, namely to passage by the legislature in both houses? Is that correct?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: That is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: As you know, I have been troubled about the single member district which as applied to our county carved us up in a way that is rather gauling to us, and I was interested in the remarks of the gentleman from the fifth district, Baltimore City correct me if I am wrong—I am laying a foundation for my query—was the reason for the single member district to insure that there would always be some minority members in the House? Was this correct?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I believe he stated that he thought one of the purposes of the single member district was to assure the minority a more adequate opportunity for representation. I think I would concur in that.

DELEGATE STORM: Then this was somewhat a political decision?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: In the finest sense of the word.

DELEGATE STORM: Absolutely, Mr. Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Positively.

*(Laughter.)*

DELEGATE STORM: That was the response I wanted from you.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: You got it.

DELEGATE STORM: One further question along this line.

As I understand it, you planned on the central committee to make decisions filling the vacancies?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Yes.

DELEGATE STORM: As I understand, we will probably have sometimes two counties in one district. I think both of the Central Committees will have to get together.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: We went into that at some length, and we understand that there are overlapping State Central Committee statutes. I looked at method for saying the general vacancies shall be filled by the General Assembly,