

rather than getting into the State Central Committee of the different parties.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: I guess in the urban areas you will have central committees for the district and not for the whole county?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: There have been some considerable changes in State Central Committee statutes. I looked at them, and I cannot say that I see any uniform method of handling the problem. It needs a very drastic revision.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: I guess no further questions, sir, just some feelings.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: With reference back to section 3.17 and the provision that the General Assembly shall keep a daily journal, what is the intention of that language with respect to that journal being a current, daily one? In other words, the second sentence provides for publication as soon as practicable, but practicable could be a considerable time delay.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: You are quite right. In effect, sometimes as much as a year may go by before the journal is published. For that reason those who are interested in actions of the General Assembly would find the transcript of its debates most helpful to them, rather than going to the State Archives or King Brothers, or wherever they have customarily gone in the past.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: What would be the reason, if any, for not requiring that the daily journal be a current one, in order that you can accomplish your purpose of informing the interested parties of the status and progress of bills before the General Assembly?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Well, I said when I was commenting on section 3.17 that I was going to offer an amendment which would provide that the daily journal shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times, the idea being that it would be a current journal.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: I would be most happy if you would include the word "current," so that there could be no question about that.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: All right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: Mr. Committee Chairman, I would like to direct your attention to the language in section 3.02, specifically on line 17, and ask you if the words "adjoining territory" mean adjoining land area?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Yes.

DELEGATE ADKINS: Would you object to an amendment which substituted the words "land area" in lieu of territory?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I would not, no.

DELEGATE ADKINS: You would not object?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I would not object, and I think that is the feeling of the Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: The second question I would like to ask the chairman relates to line 24. You have indicated that the words "substantially equal" in the words of the Committee mean not more than—

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I should have said the deviation which is the highest or lowest deviation from the mean shall not exceed 15 percent. For example, 7.5 below and 7.5 above, or 6 below and 9 above.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: If the Supreme Court should consider a greater flexibility, would you consider this more restrictive?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Yes, I would consider it more restrictive than the Supreme Court.

DELEGATE ADKINS: The Committee would not accept the maximum provided by the Supreme Court for constitutional guidelines for the Maryland Constitution?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I think the Committee might have, Delegate Adkins, if the Court had ever expressed itself definitively; but you search the literature without success.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: I have not attempted to do that.

In the event that they should, and it seems to me inevitable at some point they