

to determine what the numbers in this State for 1970 will be and put that to work; the people of Maryland will have every reason to be grateful for a job well done, at least for an honest effort, not postponing the panacea.

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

Delegate Malkus?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I would like to ask the Chairman if he will yield for a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: How do we know whether we are going to get an honest estimate of what the population is unless we know what we are talking about?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: You are right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have a further question, Delegate Malkus?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I am not willing to take the estimates, and I am seriously concerned as to whether or not we will be further—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, is this a question or are you speaking in favor of the amendment at this time?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, you talk all the time.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am asking—

DELEGATE MALKUS: You always cut me off without—

THE CHAIRMAN: I am not cutting you off. I am merely trying to find out if you are speaking to the amendment.

If so, you may do so.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, you run the show any way you want to. You go right ahead.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you desire to speak, Delegate Malkus?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, it would not do any good. You go ahead and run it anyway you want to.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well, Delegate Malkus.

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

Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your privilege.

DELEGATE STORM: I believe in the gallery above your head I see some Irish eyes smiling and I wonder if the father would recognize them. I do not know who it is, perhaps it is Delegate Scanlan but I would like them recognized.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Thank you, Delegate Storm. I cannot disown them.

*(Applause.)*

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

Delegate Hickman.

DELEGATE HICKMAN: Mr. Chairman, I just cannot conceive of tying into the constitution a guesstimate for 1970, and every twenty years thereafter. It seems to me that the people in here have said that the last General Assembly was the best we had, and I do not think we are going to do that much harm to the State of Maryland.

Now, Delegate Gallagher has said that the Planning Commission could give a fairly good estimate as far as the people in the urban areas are concerned. My question is, what about the people in the rural areas?

THE CHAIRMAN: Is this a question to Delegate Gallagher?

DELEGATE HICKMAN: No. But I will yield if he desires to ask one.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you desire to ask a question?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I will answer that rhetorical question, if I may. The information we have is in the urban areas which consist of about 85 percent of the population of the State; they can give us the population on a census track basis. For the other 15 percent area of the State they can give it to us on a subdivision basis, so it is fairly accurate.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hickman.

DELEGATE HICKMAN: With the 15 percent you are talking about, it would be more or less of an estimate basis?