

and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "appoint ten persons (with each appointing such number of the ten as will reflect the ratio of majority and minority members of the House of Delegates to the whole number of such members)".

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is offered by Delegate Storm.

Is it seconded by Delegate Stern?

DELEGATE STERN: I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been offered by Delegate Storm, seconded by Delegate Stern, the Chair recognizes Delegate Storm to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE STORM: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, I will take just as little time as possible, but I am going to have to say a couple of things that I have on my mind, and I have written it out to make it shorter. I do not like the way it is written so I will waste some time going over it. In the *Evening Star*, a very fine newspaper published outside of Maryland but read by many Marylanders in the Washington and Frederick areas—

THE CHAIRMAN: Will you pause just a moment?

The chief page advises me that by error the amendment marked N, for Nan, was passed out instead of M, for Martha. They are now passing out Amendment M. Amendment M, for Martha, is the one to be marked Amendment No. 5, to which Delegate Storm is now addressing himself.

Proceed, Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Thank you.

In the *Evening Star*, a fine newspaper published outside of Maryland, but read by many Marylanders in the Washington area and Frederick County, there was a statement on Thursday that the Convention "abandoned for the first time its strict adherence to lofty governmental principles."

Today, however, it was admitted by two delegates that some provisions of the legislative article were long ago drawn with the express purpose of electing more members of a particular political party.

Another delegate of the Legislative Branch Committee evidently was a bit ashamed of this action and tried to get his chairman to discount the record and make a statement that all they did on the Legislative Branch Committee was in strict adherence to lofty principles—with no thought of politics. The chairman was frank in his

answer, thus deserving his name. It was politics!

In several other newspapers published in the Baltimore and Washington areas, the point was made before our election, after our election and during this Convention that—thank goodness—very few politically motivated persons should be or are here at the Convention. In fact, the *Washington Post* made quite a point of accusing a few of us of playing politics and that this was reprehensible.

However, I have had the feeling—almost from the start—that some of those among us who have not before been connected with government in Maryland—and some who have been connected with elections—and even some connected with government—have been playing politics hard on every question and with the purpose of changing our judiciary, our executive and now—our legislature—from one party to another.

The single member districts and the re-districting commission are among the many provisions that I am now recognizing as strictly political.

Fellow delegates, I have for some years been a member of a political party. I will not tell you which one. Perhaps some may not know. I have even been an office holder. But I believe that my record shows that like most of the leaders of my party (and I do not class myself as a leader) I respect, work with and frequently have voted for, appointed and otherwise favored the members and, on occasion, the points of view of the opposing party.

I married a member of another party. (She later changed, but threatened to go back if her present party "left her" the way her former party did.) Many of my friends, clients and associates are members of this other party. I have frequently admired and supported the liberal wing of that other party. I believe in the two-party system! In this Convention, I have voted willingly to increase their powers and prerogative in the executive branch. I have fought so that we could have minority party representation on boards and commissions which head principal departments. I fought for an elected watch-dog in fiscal affairs so that with all of the extra powers we have given to an already unusually strong executive, the minority party would not be mortally hurt or obliterated when the majority once again occupies the top floor of this State House.

I believe that this is fair. I believe it wise. I believe that in doing these things