

which would become law in the event of a failure of the General Assembly to act within fifty days, that that plan of the commission be subject to a gubernatorial veto?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: No, Mr. Bamberger. It is the intention of the Committee that the commission plan not be subject to gubernatorial veto.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: If the legislature enacts a plan, and that plan is vetoed by the governor, and more than fifty days have expired since the beginning of the session, does the plan submitted by the commission then become law?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Yes, it does.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case.

DELEGATE CASE: I, too, have a question I would like to submit to Delegate Gallagher.

Delegate Gallagher, on line 33, the words are found, "petition of any registered voter", and I take it that the intention is that the registered voter should be a registered voter of the State of Maryland.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: That is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case.

DELEGATE CASE: And would it be possible to have the Committee on Style take this into account when the section is recast?

THE CHAIRMAN: That will be done.

Delegate Penniman is already making a note.

Delegate Gallagher, there is no question about that, I take it?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. We wanted to be certain that there was someone who had the undoubted right to bring a suit and to have standing and that is why we used the particular word, "registered" voter, but we did mean of the State of Maryland.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Grant.

DELEGATE GRANT: Mr. President, I have a further question as a result of Dele-

gate Bamberger's question. Assuming that the governor would veto the General Assembly plan and the commission plan would become law, and then the commission plan would be found to be illegal, or rather unconstitutional, would they then look at the General Assembly plan? Would it go up or would you contemplate it going up for the same double look?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: No. I would not. If the legislature did not act in sufficient time or was unable to override the governor's veto, then the only live plan, so to speak, would be the commission plan, and if that were found to be illegal, then the Court of Appeals would redistrict solely for the impending election, and then the process would be repeated because the Commission and the legislature would again have to get to the business of drawing districts so that the Court of Appeals redistricting would be good for that election alone.

DELEGATE GRANT: You would not contemplate, then, that there would be any standing for the General Assembly plan to be examined after the Commission plan?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Well, not if the General Assembly plan has been vetoed and the General Assembly has not overridden the governor's veto by the end of 50 days.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further amendments now to sections 3.02, 3.03 or 3.03a?

Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: May I ask the Chairman of the Legislative Branch Committee a question?

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair will permit one more question and point out that we spent two and one-half hours this afternoon in committee presentation and questions. If we are going to continue questions after we start consideration of committee amendments we will never finish.

Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Delegate Gallagher, do I understand correctly that the Legislative Branch Committee's intention in section 3.02 is that the sentences beginning on lines 16 and 18 are subordinate to the sentence beginning on line 21, that is, that the requirements of adjoining territory, natural boundaries, etc., are to apply