

On page 1 section 3.02, Legislative Districts, in line 20 after the period add the following new sentence: "No district shall cross the center of the Chesapeake Bay."

THE CHAIRMAN: Do all delegates have a copy of Amendment No. 10, or amendment Y?

For what purpose does Delegate Child rise?

DELEGATE CHILD: Mr. Chairman, I would like to inquire, sir, whether or not this takes the place of Delegate Adkins' Amendment No. 1 which was marked L?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins, is this intended as a substitute for the earlier amendment which was not offered?

DELEGATE ADKINS: Yes, it is, Mr. Chairman. Amendment L had some inherent problems raised by Delegate Sickles, and one or two others.

This language has been worked out in essence by the Committee staff, with which I am in agreement. While the language does look strange it is offered to solve a serious problem.

THE CHAIRMAN: Destroy amendment L. It has never been offered.

This is Amendment No. 10, amendment Y, offered by Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE SICKLES: I second the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Adkins to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE ADKINS: Mr. Chairman, I can be very brief here. The sole problem that I am preventing here is one which the Committee Chairman has said was not intended by the Committee but which nonetheless has been suggested in many of the proposed reapportionment plans from time to time offered by various sources, and that is to prevent the lower counties on the Eastern Shore, that is the eastern and southern-most counties from being combined for senatorial and legislative districts with the southern-most counties on the western shore of the State. We love our brothers dearly and I am sure they do us. However, we do not think our elected officials should have a district split by probably 30 miles of water and 150 miles of land. This is no major problem in terms of any basic philosophical problem, but I do ask you to protect us to at least let us keep our districts contiguous.

I should like to express my thanks to Delegate Sickles which I am sure the residents of Smith's Island join, for seeing the potential problem that they might be left floating at sea.

I do urge that you support this amendment and I do hope that the Chairman will accept it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions of the sponsor?

Delegate Bard.

DELEGATE BARD: I would like to ask the sponsor of the amendment if he could give us the latitude and longitude of the center of the Chesapeake Bay?

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair would be disposed to rule that it is too late at night to give you figures that you could absorb.

*(Laughter.)*

DELEGATE BARD: I wish to indicate to the Chairman that I am better at night than I am in the daytime.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair better rule you out of order.

*(Laughter.)*

Are there any further questions of the sponsor of the amendment?

Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: I wonder if you would consider clarification to your amendment by adding the words "and the Susquehanna River", because this amendment will have the practical effect of keeping the legislature from ever putting Harford and Cecil together.

We are in the same position of the lower shore counties, even though half of our territory is combined by the Susquehanna River and the other hand is by the Chesapeake Bay. We like both Cecil County and Baltimore County, but we would rather be alone.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: I am perfectly willing to accept any amendment that is realistic. I am perfectly willing if it is possible to do so, to refer the matter to the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement. The language, I think everybody—

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins has the floor.