

DELEGATE ADKINS: Mr. Chairman, I would hate to see this amendment lose based on the hilarity of the occasion, because it is a serious amendment and for some people of the State, it is a serious occasion.

I am quite content to accept any amendment that the delegate from the upper part of the Bay feels is necessary for the protection of his particular area. I did not think this would affect that area because those areas were connected by land masses, and would not be jumping water masses, but if you feel an amendment is necessary, I am perfectly willing to accept it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I should like to say that I do think I can enlist the good favor of my Committee in favor of Amendment No. 10 as it was originally presented; if we started adding tributaries, estuaries and other bodies of water, we will be inundated here and we will not know where we stand.

I look with favor and speak with favor on Amendment No. 10 as it is presented. I have always heard that it was improper to change leaders or horses in the middle of a stream. This establishes the proposition that you do not change streams in the middle of districts, but as long as it is confined to the Chesapeake Bay, I would be inclined to support it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

The Chair hates to do this, but suggests to the sponsor of the amendment that the center of the Chesapeake Bay is a point.

DELEGATE ADKINS: I would be glad to offer an amendment to add the word "line".

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins, would your problem be met if you struck the words "the center of"?

DELEGATE ADKINS: I think it would. Delegate Fox just suggested that to me sotto voce and I think it will do the trick. "No district shall cross the Chesapeake Bay."

THE CHAIRMAN: Is that your modification?

DELEGATE ADKINS: I will modify the amendment to that effect.

THE CHAIRMAN: Strike the words "the center line of".

DELEGATE FINCH: The word you might want to use is median line, m-e-d-i-a-n line.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you still not have the problem whether you were talking about the north-south median line or east-west—

DELEGATE FINCH: No, it is the median line, equal on each side.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins, another suggestion was made to you. I did not know whether you heard it or not.

DELEGATE ADKINS: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman. I am hearing suggestions from all sides. It is the most cooperative body I have ever seen.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Finch suggested instead of striking the words "the center" you might use the words "the median line of".

DELEGATE ADKINS: Well, I think that would do it, but I also think the language here would do it, and perhaps it is a little simpler and less subject to confusion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well, the amendment is modified by striking the words "the center of."

Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Hostetter.

DELEGATE HOSTETTER: May I ask a question of Delegate Adkins?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hostetter.

DELEGATE HOSTETTER: Delegate Adkins, at one point in the north-south direction does the Chesapeake Bay end?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: Should that become essential, it can be determined; I cannot really see where it makes much difference.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hostetter.

DELEGATE HOSTETTER: Would it end at the tidewater, sir?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: I would have to know the substance of your question. I think my answer would be no.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hostetter.

DELEGATE HOSTETTER: It is my understanding that the five rivers in Cecil County form the headwaters of the Ches-