

is distinctly unwise and what we need to have is an expert geographer to tell us what it means.

We may be strapping the State down to something it does not want to do and something Delegate Adkins does not want to do either.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Marvin Smith.

DELEGATE M. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I would hope that this amendment would pass and let us simmer down and recognize this as a serious matter insofar as some parts of the State are concerned.

Now, I do not see any real problem with this the way it has been laid down. I cannot share my brother's feeling with reference to Cecil and Harford. There we are talking about the Susquehanna River, not the Chesapeake Bay. There is nothing in here about the Susquehanna River at all.

Now, to talk in terms of Bay bridges and so on when you have tolls of \$1 and \$2 and what have you becomes a serious matter, and this amendment is not a frivolous amendment.

There have been suggestions in these halls within the last couple of weeks that senatorial districts or House of Delegates districts, might be created that would embrace lower eastern shore and lower western shore counties, and that would be a fundamentally wrong thing.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: For the first time tonight I learned that the headwaters of the Chesapeake are really not included in the Chesapeake Bay. I have lived there all my life, and I always thought when I looked over the Susquehanna flats I was looking over the Chesapeake Bay. Cecil and Harford are divided by the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay.

This amendment is ridiculous if Cecil and Harford are ever considered to be a part of a congressional district.

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

Delegate Raley, do you desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate Carson?

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to belabor the point, but there is no question of geography here. Harford and Cecil on their northern boundary for about twelve miles are separated by the Susquehanna River, on the southern they are separated by eight miles of the Chesapeake Bay; that part of the Bay is sometimes called the Susquehanna Flats.

But there is no question that that is part of the Chesapeake Bay. It is on every map and it is so considered by the legislature in all their enactments.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: Mr. Chairman, I have no desire to create silly amendments as one delegate has said. That was not offered to be either silly or ridiculous.

This amendment was prepared in cooperation with the staff of my Committee. It is not offered here frivolously. It is not offered here to unduly occupy the time of the commission.

I would like permission to withdraw the amendment in light of the problem it has created in Cecil and Harford Counties, and I should like the right to offer a subsequent amendment if it is not offered today, and if not I shall offer an amendment on a second recommendation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins, the Chair is very anxious to dispose of the Committee Recommendation this evening, and it is very anxious that we not have amendments offered by the Committee of the Whole on the second reading.

May the Chair suggest if perhaps we revert to the traditional distinctions between the eastern and western shores of Maryland that have been in the Constitution since 1776, that you could perhaps accomplish the purpose of your amendment, at least you could get a vote of the Committee of the Whole.

DELEGATE ADKINS: I think, sir, that that probably would not do it because Cecil County is on the eastern shore and the county adjoining is considered to be on the western shore.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is perfectly true, but it would at least test the sentiment of the House, unless you want to exclude one of the counties on the eastern shore and one on the western shore.

May I suggest that if you withdraw your amendment, you can consider that suggestion, and if you deem it wise, you can have