

the amendment written while we are considering the Minority Report this evening?

DELEGATE ADKINS: Yes, sir. I will withdraw the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: And may I make the further suggestion that if you decide to adopt some such language that you could determine so far as the amendment was concerned what would happen to Cecil and Harford by appropriation exclusions from either the eastern or western shore?

DELEGATE ADKINS: Right, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Amendment No. 10 is withdrawn.

Delegate Gallagher, the Chair now has your amendment U. Do you desire to offer it at this time?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to hold that at this time. I do have another suggested addition to 3.03a, which is amendment AB.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well, the pages will distribute the amendment AB.

Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. Chairman, Delegate Case and I have a very short amendment which might be accepted by Delegate Gallagher.

I would request that Delegate Gallagher be given a copy of amendment Z.

THE CHAIRMAN: We would have to consider it at the time we deal with the minority report.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: In the meantime, maybe he could have it to look at?

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, yes. We will be delighted to do that.

The Clerk will read Amendment No. 11, this is the one marked AB. Are there any delegates who do not have the amendment?

*(There was no response.)*

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 11 to Committee Recommendation LB-2, by Delegates Gallagher and James:

On page 2, section 3.03a, Redistricting Procedure, in line 30 strike out the numerals "50" and insert in lieu thereof the word "seventy".

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is moved by Delegate Gallagher and seconded by Delegate James. The Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole: You will note that in the redistricting procedure of 3.03a it is presently provided that after the commission has submitted its plan of redistricting if any other plan has not been provided by law after 50 days after transmission of the commission plan to the General Assembly, then the commission plan shall become law.

I advised the Committee earlier this evening that in view of the fact that the Committee on the Executive Branch included a requirement that the governor could hold a law passed by the Senate and the House for 20 days before vetoing it, that it would be necessary that the legislature act within 29 days so as to be able to allow the governor to hold it for 20 days and then if he vetoed it to have the additional 49 to 50 days to override the governor's veto.

When we originally considered the 50-day period, we had thought that the executive committee would probably require that the governor act within 7 days after a law had been presented to him while the General Assembly was in session.

I am advised by members of the legislature and by the leadership that a period of 29 days would be too short for the General Assembly to formulate another plan and that it would be much more realistic in actuality if we gave the General Assembly an actual period of almost 50 days, so that it could in effect have that amount of time for the formulation of a new plan, send it to the governor, allow the governor to have the 20 days within which to veto it or sign it, and then have the additional days to override it as the case may be.

In order to provide the General Assembly with what its members feel is a sufficient period of time, I have provided this amendment which gives the entire period a 70-day extent rather than a 50-day extent, and I do believe on the basis of what the leaders of the General Assembly have told me that this would be more realistic.

It is a mere 20-day addition, thereby giving the General Assembly actually 49 days rather than 29 days in which to act.

I would hope that you would adopt this amendment, which appears to be realistic in the light of past experience with redistricting plans.

THE CHAIRMAN: Before proceeding further with this amendment, the Chair should announce that it does not seem feasible to be able to complete consideration of this recommendation this evening.