

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

DELEGATE DULANY: Mr. Chairman, in talking with Chairman Gallagher when he made his presentation of the Majority Report, I made inquiry as to whether or not there was anything in the language which would prevent the division of a county into several districts, if I could be personal by using Carroll County, for example. They would be entitled to about six or seven tenths of a Senator.

In addition to being surrounded by Pennsylvania, it is surrounded by Frederick County, Montgomery County, Howard County and Baltimore County, and it is conceivable under those circumstances that Carroll County could be divided into four senatorial districts.

The purpose of this amendment is to assure that there will be an effort made to not divide a county into more than one district if it can be avoided.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions of the sponsor of the amendment?

*(There was no response.)*

If there are no questions, the Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I would agree to the extent practical, no county should be divided so as to comprise more than one senate district or comprise more than one delegate district.

I personally feel that this would be a decision which the commission on redistricting or the General Assembly would make, but I would have no genuine opposition to this amendment, and if it has the effect of ameliorating any fears that members may have, I would support it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James?

DELEGATE JAMES: I think I know what it means, but I am not sure. The thing that worries me, I would just like to ask a question of Delegate Dulany.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dulany, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE DULANY: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: Could Carroll County under this be divided in two parts, one part placed in one Senatorial district and one in another?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: Under the amendment as I have proposed it, Carroll County could not be divided unless it were determined that it was practicable to do so. In that case it would be divided into two senatorial districts. Under the proposal as is under section 3.02 as recommended by the majority of the Committee, Delegate Gallagher stated that there was nothing to prevent or even restrict the division of a county of this nature into three or four parts.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: Suppose it became necessary to do this from the practical standpoint, or from the legal standpoint, and you have a constitutional barrier?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: Delegate James, I do not believe there is a constitutional barrier, because it says to the extent practicable, but we do have the problem in our county if you will pardon me for being personal. Carroll has about six-tenths of a Senator, Frederick about seven-tenths and Northern Baltimore County is not liked too well by Southern Baltimore, so we may very well be divided into three or four parts.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Barrick.

DELEGATE BARRICK: I would like to speak in favor of the amendment, although I do not think it would serve too much purpose, because in the situation of Carroll County and Frederick, it is going to be very difficult if not impossible to divide the districts without having either two senatorial districts either in Carroll or Frederick. However, if it is possible, I would like to see something in the constitution that would prevent Frederick County from being divided up four ways which apparently could happen under the sections proposed by the Majority Report.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair would like to address a question to Delegate Dulany.

Is it the purpose of this amendment in the case that you supposed that it would not be possible to create a senatorial district by adding sufficient population from adjacent counties to Carroll County to give it one Senator?

DELEGATE DULANY: Mr. Chairman, it is my intention that enough population would be added to the senatorial district to comprise one more district in Carroll County.