

An assistant worked for about two hours to try to get it more clear. The purpose is to make sure that the county is not chopped up and put into a lot of senatorial districts.

THE CHAIRMAN: To make the question more specific, I take it you are saying that you would not intend to prevent the addition to Carroll County of the small segment of Baltimore County so as to provide one senatorial district?

DELEGATE DULANY: That is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair suggests your amendment would prevent that because it would prevent Baltimore County from being so divided. Baltimore County would then be divided so as to comprise only a part of more than one Senatorial district, perhaps.

DELEGATE DULANY: In other words, you are suggesting that Baltimore County might have more than two districts that would extend beyond the boundaries of Baltimore County?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

DELEGATE DULANY: That may very well be true, but I believe to the extent practicable it would cover the situation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clark.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: I would like to make a suggestion.

It seems to me that if you would say that no county having less than enough people for one senator would be included in this group, it might be a basis for getting at what you want.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Barrick.

DELEGATE BARRICK: Mr. Chairman, I think that that is a good suggestion, because I think that would clear it up then. As it is written now, I think it is just impossible to work.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: Mr. Chairman, I do not believe the language is ambiguous; I think it is clear. I do not believe it is too good, but I think it is clear.

I do not think that the point that Delegate Barrick said is actually true, because this would also apply to delegate districts. There would be two delegate districts in the county, one of which might extend beyond.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think there is all too much clarity. I just do not think it

would accomplish your purpose. However, is there any further discussion on the amendment?

Delegate Chabot?

DELEGATE CHABOT: Mr. Chairman, I find it difficult to see in what way it accomplishes the purpose any more than the language that is presently in section 3.02 or in several other proposals that have been made regarding 3.02.

The difficulty is that if in fact it imposes restrictions that are not already present in section 3.02, I am concerned what Delegate Dulany feels is a saving clause. "To the extent practicable" is perhaps not at all a saving clause.

I find it difficult to see that at the same time that that clause operates to allow the redistricting commission to do what is necessary Carroll County or any other county gets more protection than they would from section 3.02.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, in reviewing what is taking place this evening, it occurs to me that various members of this Convention who reside as they all do in some particular locality have begun to enter into the process of redistricting so that they have specific problems, and plans before them, and I am compelled to say at this point that if every political subdivision comes forward at this time with a general proposition which is designed to take care of a particular need or problem or threat, that what we are in effect doing here is legislating rather than writing a Constitution.

I feel in retrospect that we ought to give every consideration to try to stay only to general principles and general guidelines and that these attempts are commendable, but should really be addressed to the wisdom and the intelligence of the commission that draws the plan and at this point, I feel compelled to say that I think in the interest of a brief Constitution, that I would ask the sponsors of these various measures if they would not consider withdrawing them and expect their representatives in legislature to make these points at another day, rather than to try to write them into the Constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: Mr. Chairman, I stood up for the purpose of withdrawing