

by the majority report is that the present requirement of a constitutional majority means that a person who absents himself from the floor during a vote, although not being recorded so, is in effect a nay vote, because he is one less vote towards the required constitutional majority. The minority report does not address itself to that. Would you care to comment on that argument?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gilchrist.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: The minority feels that they would like to have those people recorded and if they in absenting themselves voluntarily turn up with a no vote, they show. The way the majority proposal would have it, it would be very much easier to be a no-show.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Delegate Gilchrist, do I understand your response to Delegate Bamberger to mean that you would force, or wish to force a delegate to state publicly the manner in which he would vote if he did not absent himself or did not abstain?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gilchrist.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: I did not say that, Delegate Hanson. This position got involved in the argument on secret ballot last night. I simply believe that it is highly desirable that the legislators be here, and that we know how as many of them as possible feel about an issue which is before them, so that if there are a great number who do not want to vote, they should not be able to pass a bill.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: No further questions.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of the minority spokesman? If not, he will return to his seat and we will consider the amendment to be offered by the minority.

Delegate Gilchrist, the Chair understands that to implement the minority report you propose to offer similar amendments to sections 3.13, 3.16 and 3.17, is that correct, sir?

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: That is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: So that we will have the matter before us I will have all three

amendments distributed at this time, although we will consider them separately. The pages will please distribute Amendments AC, AD, AE.

Amendment marked AC will be No. 14.

Amendment marked AD will be No. 15.

Amendment marked AE will be No. 16.

The Clerk will read Amendment No. 14.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 14 to accompany Minority Report LB-2 (A), to Committee Recommendation LB-2, by Delegates Gilchrist, Linton, Clark and Della:

On page 3 section 3.13, Organization of General Assembly, in lines 34 and 35, lines 43 and 44, and line 46, respectively, in each instance strike out the following: "present and voting, a quorum being present."

THE CHAIRMAN: If you have not received the amendments, please signal to the pages.

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, will it be understood that the passage of the first amendment will be tantamount to passage of them all without any further argument?

THE CHAIRMAN: We will submit them one right after another for vote and the Chair would hope there would be no further discussion.

Amendment No. 14 having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Gilchrist to speak to the amendment. Just a second, Delegate Gilchrist.

So that we can save time on the voting, I will have the Clerk read each of the three amendments. He has read No. 14. I will ask the Clerk to read 15 and 16.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 15 to accompany Minority Report LB-2(A) to Committee Recommendation LB-2, by Delegates Gilchrist, Linton, Clark and Della:

On page 4 section 3.16, Consideration of Bills, in lines 39 and 40 strike out the following: "present and voting, a quorum being present,".

Amendment No. 16, to accompany Minority Report LB-2(A) to Committee Recommendation LB-2, by Delegates Gilchrist, Linton, Clark and Della:

On page 5, section 3.17, Journal and Passage of Bills in lines 14 and 15 strike