

should deviate from that, it may be wise to do so.

With that in mind, I would simply like to review some of the things that we have done that shows that we have approved of constitutional majorities for several articles and sections, or for several sections.

In section 3.12, the legislative branch, we approved constitutional majority in order to extend the session to the second thirty days, and also to call a special session. In the executive branch we have already approved the constitutional majority for the return of vetoed bills, in 4.17. In 4.08 we approved the removal of the governor and 4.09 for the succession of the governor. In 4.18, for the organization of the executive branch and 4.19 the reorganization of the executive branch. Those have already been approved and they include constitutional majorities.

To come up very soon from the general provisions, General Provision 7 has an amendment to the Constitution which requires a constitutional majority. General Provision 10, impeachment of elected officers, requires a constitutional majority. State Finance Minority Report 4(A) is suggesting a constitutional majority for state indebtedness, authorized state indebtedness, with the flexible twenty-five years included.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have one-half minute, Delegate Gill.

DELEGATE GILL: If we approve the majority report for the simple majority, the other legislation that will be faced by the General Assembly, I think we have built in very important protections for us. The only exception I have is with regard to expelling members from the legislature, which is included in 3.13. At the time I voted for the simple majority I stated that I was for a constitutional majority for expelling members.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

Delegate Fornos.

DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. Chairman, I want to speak against this, so if you get another speaker to speak for it—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Linton, do you desire to speak for or against?

DELEGATE LINTON: Against.

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

Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Very briefly, Mr. Chairman. All of those speaking against these amendments have been speaking against Amendment No. 16, as Delegate Gill pointed out so well at the end of her remarks. Amendment No. 14 is different. Amendment No. 14 would permit 13 members of the Senate to expel a member of the Senate of this State. Amendment No. 14 would permit 37 members of the House of Delegates to expel a member of the House of Delegates. Whatever you may consider with regard to the appropriate number for passing a bill in the normal course of events, with the normal time requirements, I suggest that you vote for Amendment No. 14.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Fornos.

DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. Chairman, I was speaking against the majority report and I thought Delegate Gill was, too, but I guess we all got a little confused here.

THE CHAIRMAN: No, she is speaking against the amendment. Do you desire to speak in favor or against the amendment?

DELEGATE FORNOS: In favor of the amendment and against the majority report.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does anyone desire to speak against the amendment?

Delegate Linton?

DELEGATE LINTON: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does anyone desire to speak against the amendment?

Delegate Fornos.

DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, I seldom find myself aligned with the distinguished former President of the Senate, but when he is right, being one of those in this body who votes with an open mind, I have to side with him.

I would like to recall a bill which was sent down from the governor's office shortly after he took office in the last session which eliminated competitive bidding on all contracts to be awarded by the state roads commission below the sum of \$10,000. The effect of this bill was to give the state roads commission the right to award contracts throughout this State, up to \$10,000, to anyone they desired. After twelve hours of debating this bill in this House it finally passed by one vote. A man turned around to me and said, I made a mistake on that vote. I was with you and I just did not realize the mistake I made, as our presi-