

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 18 to Committee Recommendation LB-2, by Delegate Gallagher: On page 5 section 3.17, Journal and Passage of Bills, in line 4 immediately preceding the word "daily" and the word "current", and in the same line after the word "proceedings" and the words, "which shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times."

THE CHAIRMAN: Amendment No. 18 is proposed by Delegate Gallagher.

Is there a second.

*(Whereupon the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been seconded the Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee: The purpose of Amendment No. 18 is to reinsert in section 3.17 the sense of what the Constitutional Commission drafted in its section 3.17 on page 142 of the volume. There has only been one change from the language of the Constitutional Commission draft, and that is the insertion of the word, reasonable, so that we would now say that each House of the General Assembly shall keep a current daily journal of its proceedings, which shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times.

The reason that the word, "reasonable," was added, was prompted by a letter from Carl Everstine, the Department of Legislative Reference, who said if he used the phrase, "at all times," he was fearful that on a New Year's Eve, while he was engaged in lighthearted frivolity at some party, a taxpayer of the State might call upon him and say, "I would like to take a look at the Journal of the Proceedings," and he did not feel that he wanted to be interrupted in his New Year's Eve merriment. Consequently we felt it was proper to insert the word, "reasonable," assuming, of course, that the New Year's Eve, after the close of business was not reasonable.

The other change was the insertion of the word, "current", a current daily journal.

The Committee on the Legislative Branch met yesterday morning at an early hour and has given approval to the insertion of the phrase, which shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amend-

ment, or are there any questions of the sponsor of the amendment?

Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The motion having been seconded, the Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on Amendment No. 18 to Committee Recommendation LB-2.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 18. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate wish to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

Mr. Boyce has voted Aye. The clerk will record the vote.

There being 117 votes in the affirmative and one in the negative, the motion carries. The amendment is adopted.

Delegate Sherbow, you have an amendment. Do you desire to offer it at this time?

The pages will please distribute the amendment. This will be Amendment No. 19.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 19 to Committee Recommendation LB-2, by Delegates Sherbow and Case: On page 5, section 3.17, Journal and Passage of Bills, in line 16 after the word "resolution" add the words: "or for the election or confirmation of any State officer."

DELEGATE CASE: I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Sherbow to speak to the Committee.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee: Actually this is for clarification as much as anything else. The way the committee proposal would read there would be public sessions where votes are taken when there is either a resolution or a bill for action. Actually the General Assembly will also be voting, for example, on the election of a person chosen as a post auditor.

In addition, they will be acting in the Senate on matters dealing with confirmation of officers. Delegate Case and I do not, and I emphasize "not," intend