

Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, I shall vote for the proposal for three reasons: First, I know the history of lotteries in this and other states and why the prohibition was put in the Constitution of 1867, Mr. Chairman. I think also that removing this provision from the constitution is a tacit statement or agreement that we intend to open the flood gates to lobbyists and similar devices, and two, I have seen the effect of lotteries on children in South America and other countries and it was not good.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate Kosakowski, do you desire to speak in opposition?

DELEGATE KOSAKOWSKI: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: You may proceed.

DELEGATE KOSAKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman and delegates to this Convention: I have heard a great deal from the reformers of this Convention who speak about reforming and about making a new, modern constitution and yet believe me this is an antiquated provision in this constitution.

My friend, Delegate James, is an astute political figure and I will say to Delegate James he should not have any fear, and to Delegate Gleason, do not have any fear that the legislature is going to pass a lottery in two years. It is tough getting a lottery through the legislature. We are not here to legislate. Let us be practical about this. You have to get it through the House and the Senate the same way, and then there is the governor's veto. What is the fear to let the public have a voice in their government?

What moral issues are we going to place in this Constitution? Let us be practical here. We are going to have an election on this constitution in May. Income tax time is going to be over by April the 15th. It will be very fresh in the minds of the electorate when they see what we have already passed here. No fiscal footnotes. What costs will we have? Non-contributory pensions to judges and wives, increased costs to legislators, and increased costs to the entire new governmental structure. When I came here as a former delegate for 20 years, the passage of a lottery was not that easy.

This will be an issue in the next election. It is not a constitutional matter. It belongs to the people to decide with the duly elected representatives of the legislature

and I hope that this recommendation will be defeated.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Neilson.

DELEGATE NEILSON: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak in favor of the Committee Recommendation. I would like to direct you to the remarks made earlier by Delegate Sherbow, rather than take the time to reflect. I, for one do not want to rest the future of the State of Maryland, particularly my children, on whether we have a good gambling interest to put them through school or to give them the things that they need. I would rather pay my way by taxes as I think most of you delegates would want to do.

I do not need a lot of witnesses to come down and tell me whether I should have gambling or not have gambling. I am firmly convinced that lotteries and gambling interests bring into the State an element of people that I do not particularly care for. I note that we have had in our constitution in the past a prohibition against lotteries. I see no reason to take it out and I will vote in favor of the report.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate Bard, do you desire to speak in favor?

DELEGATE BARD: I shall wait.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Child, do you desire to speak in favor?

DELEGATE CHILD: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Child.

DELEGATE CHILD: Mr. Chairman, and distinguished delegates to the Convention: I have tried to keep silent when I do not know what I am talking about, but I do know something about this gambling racket, not because I was in it, but because I was the victim of it. I was state's attorney of my county some 40 years ago. I found the county full of slot machines. I ordered them out and I had a good sheriff and a good deputy sheriff and they stayed out but I spent half of my time listening to the gambling crowd offering me money, offering me this, that and the other thing to let them run.

I found out a lot about it. They can sell them any way they want to. They can plug the jackpots so they will not overflow. You say that is not lottery, that is gambling but the lottery is gambling, too.

I merely want to say this, that when I was in law school I learned a phrase, that