

possible to elect one by the president. Possibly there was a risk of conflict in personalities. It is a risk and the understanding of the Committee is to accept the rule as it is in the present form.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, members of the Convention: I believe if you are going to elect a vice chairman, you are going to start a family fight in the beginning in committees, and I do not believe it will work out too well. Right in the very beginning, you are going to start choosing up sides and I think that the amendment for that reason will not serve a good purpose.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? The amendment is very clear. It simply restores the power of appointment of vice chairmen of committees to the president. The Chair will now submit the question. All in favor of the amendment say Aye. Opposed, No.

The No's seem to have it. The No's have it.

Does Delegate Della have an amendment?

DELEGATE DELLA: Mr. President, this particular amendment to Rule 21 [22] was submitted to the by-laws sub-committee the other evening and they voted it down. Today I was requested again to introduce the amendment to the body as a whole.

The seating arrangement of this chamber is by delegation on a county basis and your members are joined together in that county delegation. Now, the argument against it is because we are individuals and we are down here to construct a Constitution which will be to the benefit of the entire state. If I am a delegate of the Sixth District of Baltimore City, that does not change my spots or change my color or my hair, if I am with my delegation or in alphabetical order.

The amendment that has been offered, although I cannot verify the amount of money that will be required to change the board, but I was informed it will run up to around \$40,000. Now, I do not know whether we're economizing or not in this Convention, but if that will be the cost, then it would be very simple to change your board by delegations or in counties.

I have no argument with my colleague to my right or to my left. As a matter of fact, if I were to select any delegates in the Convention, I would select the seat right here, but for convenience purposes and to eliminate confusion in contacting

the members of other delegations, because I know they will be getting out of their seats to talk to the delegates from their district or counties, I move the adoption of this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chairman is waiting so that everyone has a copy. The amendment has not been read. I would like to ask the Secretary to read the amendment.

THE SECRETARY: Introduced by Delegate Della. Amendment to Rule 21 [22]. On page 7 of the mimeographed proposed rules and in Rule 21 [22] thereof, strike out all of lines 1-4, inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Rule 21. *Seating.* The seats of the delegates on the Convention floor shall be arranged by the counties, legislative districts or subdistricts from which the several delegates were elected, following the same arrangement as used by the House of Delegates of Maryland. If a vacancy occurs the person selected to fill the vacancy shall continue to have the seat of the delegate who vacated the position."

THE CHAIRMAN: Any discussion?

DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Bennett from Montgomery County. I think Mr. Della has given the strongest argument against this amendment when he says that we are here to represent the entire State of Maryland. We are here not from any particular area or to protect the needs of any particular community. We are here also to get acquainted with the views and points of view of other delegates to this Convention and already I have profited by that by getting acquainted with my fellow delegate from Hagerstown. I would like to see the present seating arrangement remain for that purpose.

I believe that if the delegates want to meet together by delegation, there is plenty of opportunity to meet with them in their quarters or at other times. I hope the amendment will be defeated.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Linton.

DELEGATE LINTON: Mr. President, members of the Convention, I find in reading this amendment that we have a mechanical problem. Those of you who have never seen the electorate voting machine may not know that there is a series of wires running through a squirrel cage computer in the basement of this building, that the delegate just gave a figure of \$40,000 to convert this to a new arrangement.