

I think history has vindicated the struggle of people without property, the poor people in America, to get universal suffrage. The same arguments we have heard here were given when women fought that long struggle for the right of suffrage. Indeed, in 1920 when the Nineteenth Amendment was enacted only fifteen states had enfranchised women.

I believe that the core of the problem here is universal suffrage. I believe that in a democracy the universal participation of the various classes of our society, of the various interest groups in our society, gives vitality to the decisions that are made.

I submit that if more of our young Americans had been given the right to vote that we would have had for years in Maryland larger appropriations for our public school system, larger appropriations for recreational facilities from the lack of which our young people suffer.

I would respectfully urge this Convention to enfranchise the class of young Americans who have been too long overlooked, the nineteen-year-olds. I say vote against the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 2. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the Amendment, a vote for age twenty. A vote No is a vote against the Amendment, a vote for age nineteen.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted?

Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: There being 50 votes in the affirmative and 76 in the negative, the motion is lost and the amendment is rejected.

Delegate Hutchinson, do you desire to offer your amendment?

DELEGATE HUTCHINSON: No sir, I do not.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any other amendments to section 1?

Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Mr. Chairman, there is an amendment which was incor-

rectly drafted and drawn. There is an amendment to section 1 which would be an addition to the last line of section 1.

The amendment would read, "The legal majority by the General Assembly be established the same as the voting age".

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair would rule that amendment out of order as not being germane to the subject matter of the section.

Is the amendment written?

DELEGATE CARDIN: The amendment is written.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is it printed or do you mean just one copy?

DELEGATE CARDIN: The page did bring me a copy of the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: Mr. Chairman, I believe Delegate Cardin refers to the amendment which actually reads —

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me see a copy. We will have a ruling.

Delegate Cardin, this is not to the last sentence. Is this the amendment of which you spoke?

DELEGATE CARDIN: No, this is not. As I stated, this was not the way the original amendment was to have been drawn. However, if this amendment is in order, I would like to have the merits of it studied.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair believes this amendment would have been proper as an amendment to the amendment, but I have grave doubts that it is in order at this time in view of the —

Well, wait just a second.

The amendment is in proper form and is in order.

Do you wish it distributed?

DELEGATE CARDIN: Yes, please.

THE CHAIRMAN: Please distribute them.

For what purpose does Delegate Schneider rise?

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: Personal privilege.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the privilege.

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: I am pleased to announce in the balcony to the rear of