

Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, am I in order to ask Delegate Dulany two questions?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dulany, you had the floor last. Do you yield to the question?

DELEGATE DULANY: Yes, I will.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Delegate Dulany, does the amendment permit the General Assembly to set the voting age at twelve?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: Yes, it would. We have authority here to set it at twelve.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Would your amendment also permit the General Assembly to set the voting age at seventy-two?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: We have the authority here to set it at seventy-two.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions, Delegate Carson?

DELEGATE CARSON: Thank you. I suggest we not adopt either age.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Finch, the Chair wants to be quite certain that you understood what I said. If Amendment No. 3 is adopted, you may not offer your amendment. If Amendment No. 3 is rejected, you may.

Do you understand? You do not wish to offer your amendment at this time?

DELEGATE FINCH: Mr. Chairman, I still defer.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Delegate Kirkland.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Mr. Chairman, I would like to oppose this amendment.

First of all, having worked with these youth for some twenty-seven years, it disheartens me to see something like that. Every graduating class anywhere from three hundred and fifty to six hundred fifty, each year for many years, among thousands of young people I have seen go

through the doors of these high schools, I have yet to see a real bad one. Sure, mischievous, or things of this nature, but who was not? I would like to say that I would like to see this thing retained at nineteen, and the legal majority age should be allowed to be flexible where flexibility is necessary.

I believe this responsibility should be left to the statutory measures of the General Assembly.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

Delegate Neilson.

DELEGATE NEILSON: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak in favor of the amendment for a very similar reason.

I believe that the legislature will measure up to its responsibility in setting a voting age along with all other responsibilities for a young person. I am convinced they will retain the age of twenty-one, but even if they did not, the matter could always be subject to referendum.

Therefore, I would support this motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Ready for the question?

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 3.

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 3, a vote in favor of the voting age being the age of legal majority as determined by the General Assembly.

A vote No is a vote against Amendment No. 3 which is a vote in favor of the Committee Recommendation at 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.

There being 42 votes in the affirmative, and 84 votes in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

Delegate Finch, do you desire to offer your amendment?

The pages will distribute amendment A-C. This will be Amendment No. 4.

The Clerk will read the amendment.