

when he votes on a question than one who comes representing 10,000 people.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: That was a very good dissertation on the Supreme Court, but I am still sticking to section 2, eligibility of voters in municipal elections. Are you not forcing on those people in Ocean City the kind of government you think they should have?

DELEGATE WHITE: My answer is no. If we take a strong and courageous position here, it will enable the poor people in Ocean City, whether they are poor or not, to say we love you, but the Constitutional Convention decided you cannot vote in Ocean City any longer. You have to vote where you live.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Frederick, but I would like to say we have on the schedule fifteen minutes of controlled time on both sides of this question and twenty minutes of uncontrolled time and I think the questions should be to the technical nature of the section. I recognize Delegate Frederick.

DELEGATE FREDERICK: Delegate White, I will ask you a very brief question. Did you have appear before you not a mayor but a single taxpayer or single resident of any of the towns that has extended the voting rights and oppose this? Did you have one person that opposed this particular section 4.02, that is, one who has been covered by the extension?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: I do not recall whether we had a single person who appeared to speak against this. I do not recall.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Smith.

DELEGATE A. SMITH: Delegate White, I would like to be that one person.

DELEGATE WHITE: What are you saying?

DELEGATE A. SMITH: That Delegate Frederick referred to—one person who does own property in Ocean City and does have the right to vote. If you owned a home in Ocean City and you started in March with your family to go to Ocean City to prepare for the company that you

would have and the enjoyment you would have all through the summer and up until Thanksgiving, and I was down the week-end of Thanksgiving to close up my home, and you paid taxes and your water rent and contributed in every way as every other resident down there, would you not think that you would have the right to vote for representatives?

DELEGATE WHITE: My answer is no.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): If there are no objections, we could move on to the controlled time. Delegate Burdette, do you have another question on the technical aspect of the subject?

DELEGATE BURDETTE: On a technical aspect, indeed. I should like to ask Delegate White about the language that he is attempting here. I do not find it in the minority report, but I think I have the spirit of it. I wondered if Delegate White and the members of the Committee who are in the minority, have examined the question that if sections 1 and 2 are read together—I may be mixed up on pages—most of the municipalities which are small in size in Maryland are required to have nonresident voting by an arrangement. This is the question that I gather you are speaking of here in section 2 and I would like this modified, namely, that the residence requirements are the same as in the State. But one discovers what they are by turning to section 1 and finds that the narrowest one is for the House of Delegates' district. If one had a municipality of fifty people, would not all people resident in the House of Delegates' district have a right under this language to vote in that municipal election?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: Possibly the Chairman of the Committee could expound in the area you indicated, but the minority's chief concern is to knock out that part of section 2 which would extend the right to vote to nonresidents.

If any other section defines residence for the purpose of those who do reside in a unit, whatever it may be, we raise no question on that. We are only concerned with not permitting a non-resident, by whatever determination is made, to vote on the basis of property qualifications.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to respond to Delegate Bur-