

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President and members of the Convention, I wanted to ask the Chairman if there was anything in the previous recommendation, S&E-1 or anything in this one — if it is in this one I do not see it — that would require the General Assembly to set the date of party primary elections in ample time prior to the national convention, so that delegates could be elected in party primaries to their state conventions and that the state convention could be held in ample time prior to the national convention?

I do not know whether the last legislature changed the law or not, but we did have the party primaries in September, and of course that would be after the date of the national convention in presidential years. I think if we do not have it in there, that we ought to have some provision requiring the General Assembly to set the date for primary elections in ample time so that delegates could be elected to the various state conventions and then the state conventions could have time to meet to send their delegates to the National Convention.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss, do you understand the question?

DELEGATE KOSS: There is nothing in S&E-1 or S&E-2 requiring the General Assembly to set the primary at any time.

It is their prerogative as it has been in the past, to change the date of the primary or to establish any point they think best.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemeier.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Do you have any objection to an amendment that would so state?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss?

I do not think this is a proper time to ask that question. If you want to have such a limitation it should be submitted as an amendment to section 6 when we get to it.

Delegate Key.

DELEGATE KEY: I would just like to tell Delegate Weidemeier that the new law that was passed last year by the General Assembly now makes it possible for the members of the state central committee to elect your delegates to your national convention.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemeier.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: The point that we are all trying to make is to preserve a democracy in which all of the people of the party participate.

THE CHAIRMAN: There are no further amendments at this time to section 1.

Are there any further amendments to section 2?

*(There was no response.)*

The Chair hears none. Are there any amendments to section 3?

Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment which is in the process of preparation. It will remove the last sentence from section 3, but I am willing to pass over it if that is to be preferred at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will come back to it.

Are there any amendments to section 4?

Delegate Storm? Your amendment M?

DELEGATE STORM: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will please distribute Amendment M.

This will be marked Amendment No. 11.

For what purpose does Delegate Raley rise?

DELEGATE RALEY: A point of inquiry.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE RALEY: It was my understanding that we were going to have the opportunity to ask a couple of questions. On section 4 I have a couple of questions.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, you will have that opportunity.

Delegate Koss, do you wish to make a further presentation with respect to section 4?

DELEGATE KOSS: A very brief one.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to come up to the reading desk?

DELEGATE KOSS: No. As we pointed out in our memorandum under the controlling court interpretation of the residence requirement in the Maryland Constitution, persons who reside on land over which the United States has jurisdiction