

DELEGATE HARGROVE: Could your Committee determine what a serious crime was? I do not think the courts have been able to do that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Delegate Hargrove, if the courts have not, neither have we.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bennett?

DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Convention. Unfortunately I was out of the chamber at the time that the discussion of this began, but it seems to me to be a very important consideration and one that I hope the Convention will take under advisement, namely, this suggestion that the General Assembly be mandated to establish disqualifications.

Now in the brief word that Delegate Key made, I heard her say that this branding of the person because of his crime handicaps his rehabilitation. There is no doubt or question but what that is true. The fact is that under that branding, he is shunned and discriminated against in his employment, and in his adjustment in the community.

He suffers, his family suffers, and it is a shame that he has to carry what in effect is double punishment. It is held over him for a long period of time, and it seems to me that we can very well get along in this Convention made up of men with a heart and understanding who will not require the legislature to determine the disqualification.

If there is any particular crime that they think should disqualify a person from voting, as in an election fraud, they can put that into the article itself without any general provision; I hope therefore that this amendment of Delegates Key and Taylor will prevail.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion.

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 12 to Committee Recommendation S&E-2

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 12. A vote No is a vote against the amendment.

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 46 votes in the affirmative and 65 in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Byrnes, do you desire to offer your amendment?

DELEGATE BYRNES: No, sir, I do not.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further amendments to section 5?

Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment which is being prepared, if we may come back to it at a later time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any other amendments to section 5?

For what purpose does Delegate Hanson rise?

DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, my amendment to section 3 has arrived.

THE CHAIRMAN: I will come back to it in a little while.

Are there any other amendments to section 5?

Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: I wonder, Delegate Koss, if I might ask you a question with regard to the first sentence: "No person who has been adjudicated 'non compos mentis' shall be entitled to vote until such adjudication is removed."

I take it that this is not tantamount to commitment to a mental hospital, is it?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bennett, the Chair believes there will be an amendment offered with respect to that sentence. I think discussion about that will be more appropriate at that time.

Does your amendment go to section 5, Delegate Bamberger?

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Any amendments to section 6? Are there any questions to the Committee Chairman with respect to section 6?