

Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: I would like to establish something on the record, if I may direct a question to the Chairman regarding section 6.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

State your question, sir.

DELEGATE BYRNES: The question is in relation to page 3, lines 6 to 11. Is there any doubt that the General Assembly would have the plenary authority to do each of the things specified in section 6, page 2, lines 46 through line 50?

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair does not understand your question. I do not know whether Delegate Koss does or not.

Would you state it again?

DELEGATE BYRNES: Is there any question that the General Assembly may do in the exercise of its plenary power, each of the things specified in section 6, page 2, lines 46 to 50 regarding municipal elections?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Delegate Byrnes, there is no doubt in my mind that that is within the plenary power of the General Assembly.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well. No further amendments.

Delegate Vecera.

DELEGATE VECERA: Mr. Chairman, may I ask Chairman Koss a question on section 6?

THE CHAIRMAN: You may. State the question.

DELEGATE VECERA: Chairman Koss, on line 47, section 6 states that the General Assembly shall regulate the time, place and manner of elections and then going over into section 7, your Committee has indicated, that the elections are to be set up in such manner in 1970 for the State, and 1971 for the county.

Is there a contradiction there, or how is that to be worked out?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Delegate Vecera, time in terms of section 6 refers to hours and not dates.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Vecera.

DELEGATE VECERA: Could that possibly be construed as a date factor, or by time, I suppose you mean one day?

THE CHAIRMAN: I think what Delegate Koss is saying to you is that sections 6 and 7 would undoubtedly be read together. Section 7 would be sufficient to fix the day and therefore section 6 would be limited in terms of time to fixing the hours of the day.

Are there any further questions as to section 6? Are there any amendments as to section 6?

*(There was no response.)*

If not, Delegate Carson, do you know whether your amendment to section 1 is now printed?

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, I do not believe it is yet.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

The pages will please distribute Amendment AL. This will be Amendment No. 13.

The Clerk will please read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 13 to Committee Recommendation S&E-2 by Delegate Hanson:

On page 2 section 3, Eligible Voters in Presidential Elections in lines 18 through 23, inclusive, strike out the last sentence beginning with the word "The" in line 18 and extending through the word "removed" in line 23.

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment was submitted by Delegate Hanson. Is there a second?

DELEGATE BENNETT: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, this amendment is one which I think removes from the constitution a provision which is proposed to be placed there by the Committee which is a lovely thought, but I think a most impractical proposal.

The Committee proposes in the last sentence of section 3 to permit the General Assembly to waive the residence requirements for former registered voters, whoever they are, who have removed from Maryland. However, they shall not permit voting in Maryland by any person who meets the voting residence requirements of