

With this amendment, your seating would be the same as the House of Delegates. It would merely require a new name plate which must then again be replaced after this convention. I can assume that it would cost \$80,000 to make this change.

I would hope, in spite of the fact that we have met the people that sit next to us now and are very pleased with the arrangement, that we could see the reasoning for using the same system that is used in the House of Delegates and adopt this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if anyone can really explain whether or not it would cost \$40,000, merely to change the name plates up there? It seems to me —

THE CHAIRMAN: Speaker Mandel, my advisor on the right here, says no. Exactly how much, I am not sure, but I do not think any large sum of money is involved.

DELEGATE DULANY: It seems to me the only thing involved is changing the names on the sign boards and, unless you put them up in gold letters, I cannot see any substantial expense.

THE CHAIRMAN: Some change in the wiring is required, I understand, and it can be done, with some expense, but not great. Yes?

DELEGATE MURRAY: I am not very happy with this, but if I can be heard at the moment, I would like to support the argument of the gentleman here who said that he came to represent Maryland in its entirety. So did I. I did not come primarily as a member or delegate of any county, and I feel rather strongly that probably the present method of seating came about with that in mind and I would regret seeing a change.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. President, I am opposed to the proposed amendment. I like the alphabetical arrangement, although I am close to Delegate Weidemeyer. Like Senator Malkus here, he has been voting with somebody for the first time. I even voted with my good friend who is my neighbor. So, that I feel that in spite of cost, we ought to take a total look at the obligations of this Convention and that it should remain as it is.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, members of the Convention, I have no objection sitting here near Delegate White, but I do think that the amendment, as offered by Delegate Della, has a lot of merit. In addition to saving the state a lot of money, we do have the board and the wiring arrangement already arranged by county, and it will simplify the thing.

In addition to that, we are going to have numerous proposals before this Convention that have to do with local affairs, reorganization of counties. I would say that the Baltimore City delegation would want to be close together, and the delegations of the counties would want to be close together, because during the heat of debate and the discussion and the voting that will be necessary, it will be urgent for members of various counties and the city to confer with each other very readily. I can conceive of no more disrupting influence than time after time for one delegate or another asking to be excused, so that they can go into a conference with little matters they could take care of if they were right close together at the moment. I think that this amendment has a lot of merit, and I hope that it passes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? The question arises on the adoption of the amendment. All in favor say Aye. Opposed, No. The No's seem to have it. The No's have it.

Any further amendments?

DELEGATE CHABOT: Mr. Chairman, I had a number of amendments listed for the Legislative Committee and they are preparing them for distribution. Delegate Fornos has a printed one.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I think we better give priority to the delegates who have theirs ready. Delegate Fornos, do you have an amendment you wish to offer?

DELEGATE FORNOS: Yes, I want to talk on Rule 64 [68].

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have an amendment?

DELEGATE FORNOS: The amendment is already written in your present rules, as they exist, and I move they adopt Rule 64, as printed in the rules rather than as recommended we change it in pencil. The present rule says in order to amend these