

DELEGATE BARD: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question, and then I would like to say a few words? I would like to ask whether it would be possible, should the amendment fail, for us to change paragraph 2 so that the counties might decide for themselves whether or not they choose to have the separate election year. In other words, the larger ones might decide if they wish to have a separate election while smaller ones perhaps might decide to keep it on with the gubernatorial election.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair understands there is an amendment to be offered to allow the General Assembly.

Delegate Raley.

DELEGATE RALEY: Mr. Chairman, I think that maybe we ought to let you know that we are going to offer an amendment by myself, and Delegates Hanson and Scanlon, which in effect would solve the whole problem and would not have the major demerit that either this amendment or the Committee Report has of locking these things in and leaving it up completely to the General Assembly. We cannot foresee what changes might be needed, so we are going to offer an amendment then at the proper time, whenever that is, will allow the selectibility, which I think would be a happy solution to the entire problem.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Amendment No. 14 is the one before us and the one we must vote on first.

Dr. Bard, do you wish to speak for the amendment?

DELEGATE BARD: No. I would just like to say, Mr. Chairman, on a matter of personal privilege, that in light of your comment it seems to me that Mr. Boyce's remarks in regard to the city delegation are not in order.

The Baltimore City delegation, it seems to me, would be free to vote as individuals on this question, recognizing that the amendment would clarify the issues which trouble them.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Gilchrist.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Would Delegate Bard yield for a question?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Bard, would you yield for a question?

DELEGATE BARD: I do not have the floor, but I will be glad to yield.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Gilchrist.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Delegate Bard, under your proposal, what you mean is that you would leave the delegates free to stick the other counties in the State with what Baltimore City wants regardless of whether they want it or not?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Bard.

DELEGATE BARD: I have not said anything of the sort, Delegate Gilchrist. It seems to me you are putting words in my mouth.

What I did say was that irrespective of what happens to the majority report, the Baltimore City delegation as such would not, of necessity, need to vote either for or against this amendment. There is a separation of the issue, the opposite of what you say.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Beatrice Miller.

DELEGATE BEATRICE MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I merely want clarification. At this point I am thoroughly confused. I thought we were speaking to amendment F. Is that correct?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): That is correct.

DELEGATE BEATRICE MILLER: I thought that Amendment F, and please correct me if I am in error, would change the word before "State" by adding the words "and counties", thus permitting the counties to vote every four years, starting with 1970. If in the next paragraph we strike the word "county" and add the words "Baltimore City", this would permit Baltimore City to vote in 1971. Is this correct?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): You are correct, but the question has been divided and will be presented in two parts.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Johnson to speak for the amendment.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to appeal the ruling of the Chair with respect to dividing this question. I do not believe that the question is divisible, and I would like the Chair to reconsider its ruling. I would be glad to give my reasons.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Well, our parliamentarians advise me that even if the division was not called for, the