

our good Delegate Hardwicke, he says that we took his form, "do ordain and establish this Constitution." We had eleven constitutions that we finally selected as ones that we would give consideration to. All of them end with the expression, "establish and ordain this Constitution." So in the constitution that is presented to you, we have not the thoughts of just one person, but the thoughts of the entire committee taken from the numerous preambles that were presented to us.

I suggest that you accept this preamble. It is based on historical precedent. It contains ideas from people all over the State, retains some of the language in our previous preamble, and reflects the serious attitude of the delegates on the preamble committee who prepared it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

The question arises on (a) the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Committee Recommendation R&P-1. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment, a vote No is a vote against.

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 13 votes in the affirmative and 94 in the negative, the motion fails and the amendment is rejected.

Are there any further amendments to the preamble?

Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I withdraw the question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any other amendments to the preamble?

Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. Chairman, Delegate Beachley is very much upset because she inadvertently voted the wrong way. *(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Will you state for the record what happened?

DELEGATE BEACHLEY: I cast my vote against the committee recommendation. I guess I was up here talking, but I am for the committee recommendation.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Journal Clerk will correct the record.

There having been 12 votes in the affirmative and 95 in the negative, the amendment fails.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Delegate Hardwicke said the amendment included the first section of the old Constitution stating that all true power originates in the people, and of course, at this time, this particular phrase is included in the preamble; and I wonder if the amendment to make this a first part of the Constitution will be in order when the time arises.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, if I understand you, Delegate Taylor, I think you misunderstood Delegate Hardwicke.

I do not believe that he made the statement that all political power originates in the people was in section 1. I think he said he would prefer to see it in section 1.

Is that what you were saying, Delegate Taylor?

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: It is in the present Constitution. I think Delegate Hardwicke made a good criticism of this particular thing.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have an amendment to offer?

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, I do not follow what you want.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Would it be in order to offer an amendment?

THE CHAIRMAN: You can offer one right now, if you have it ready. Indicate to the Chair what amendment you would propose to offer.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: That all political power originates in the people.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is not now in the Declaration of Rights. If you desire to offer such an amendment you could have one prepared and the Chair would recognize you to offer the amendment as we consider R&P-1 section for section. If you would have the page get Mr. Benson, he will prepare your amendment for you.

DELEGATE KIEFER: I rise to a point of inquiry, sir. Do I understand you to say that that phraseology is not in the present recommended preamble?

THE CHAIRMAN: It is or it is not?

DELEGATE KIEFER: It is.

THE CHAIRMAN: I did not understand, then.