

make a suggestion? Suppose the Style Committee takes a paragraph from one section and places it somewhere else, for example, takes it out of local government and puts it in finance and you prefer to see it in the final document in another place. When would be the opportunity to bring that up?

THE PRESIDENT: The first opportunity to bring it up would be in most instances when you reach that section in the report of the Committee on Style. In other words, if in a report submitted to you, say on local government, the committee recommendation is that a certain section be included in a different article and you disagree, we can take that up at the time we are considering the report of the Committee.

Delegate Bard.

DELEGATE BARD: Mr. President, would the vote that takes place on second reading as to style and substance need a majority for approval? Would the majority of those present be all that is necessary for approval on second reading?

THE PRESIDENT: You mean the majority of those present and voting?

DELEGATE BARD: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: The provision of the enabling act requiring the majority of the whole number of delegates, as the Chair recalls it, applies to final approval.

DELEGATE GRUMBACHER: I believe it applies to final approval of each article.

THE PRESIDENT: That is correct. The second reading is not final approval.

DELEGATE GRUMBACHER: The third reading would be the entire constitution as we go through it article by article.

THE PRESIDENT: I do not know; it depends on how the Committee on Style submits it. It could be by articles or by sections or by the entire article.

DELEGATE GRUMBACHER: As I remember the enabling act, I think it would be by each article because we have to approve it by 72 votes.

THE PRESIDENT: We are not at that point. When we get to final approval we will decide what we have to do.

Are there any further questions as to procedure?

Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, you know that I am familiar with what we did in the legislature. Of course, that does

not mean anything here, but it was my understanding that there would be a vote on each article which would require a majority of those that were elected. That is what we found out on the floor of the Maryland Senate.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Malkus, the Chair has not indicated that there would not be.

DELEGATE MALKUS: I felt that you knew that because you certainly sat in the gallery long enough when we discussed this subject matter and I really believe that we should have the right to vote on each article with what the law says, and the law says there shall be a majority of those in office, a majority of 142 on each article. That was well-discussed and well-debated.

I do not care what the Committee on Style wants to say, but you know, and I know, that was what the legislature intended to do.

THE PRESIDENT: Again, the Chair says to you, Delegate Malkus, that it has not indicated to the contrary. I do not see the point of your statement.

Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: I do not want to argue with you, but yesterday —

THE PRESIDENT: I am not arguing with you. I am agreeing with you.

*(Laughter.)*

DELEGATE MALKUS: What you are doing, Mr. President, you are telling me what you have been doing for a long time and that is all right, you are the boss. But now I rise upon a point of inquiry.

THE PRESIDENT: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE MALKUS: You said yesterday that that as far as the ground rules are concerned, they will be given to us in writing. Have you, as yet, done that?

THE PRESIDENT: It is not yet in writing; it is partly in writing. I hope to get it this afternoon.

DELEGATE MALKUS: We can expect that in ample time before we take up the subject matters?

THE PRESIDENT: I would think so.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: If there is any question about what the Chair said yester-