

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kiefer, I think you ought to be aware of the fact that the Committee on Style is consistently and uniformly interpreting the word "law" as used in any committee recommendation as meaning a statute enacted by the General Assembly and signed by the governor, passed by the General Assembly over veto.

Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: I am very sorry. Then I withdraw my support of the amendment. I urge its defeat.

THE CHAIRMAN: Can we now vote on the amendment?

It seems to the Chair that it has been debated back and forth.

Delegate Murray.

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: In view of the efforts to settle this, I am sorry to raise my voice, but in view of Delegate Bamberger's apprehension, I shall have to oppose it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Chabot, for what purpose do you rise?

DELEGATE CHABOT: I do not know quite how to state it parliamentarily, sir, but Amendment No. 23, which we just adopted, used the term "as the General Assembly may prescribe by law."

Does it mean this would have exactly the same effect if there is no reference to the General Assembly on it?

THE CHAIRMAN: I take it that the Committee on Style, if this amendment is adopted, would rephrase it to read, "as the General Assembly shall prescribe by law." That is a policy they have been following consistently. Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 24.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 24. A vote No is a vote against.

Will the Clerk please ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 24 to Committee Recommendation R&P-1. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 24. 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 60 votes in the affirmative and 64 votes in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

Will the pages please distribute Amendment AT.

Will you please modify your amendment to read as follows: in line 2, strike the words, "amended by", and put in, "added by", and in line 3, strike out the words, in line 10 of the amendment.

The Clerk will read the amendment as thus modified. This will be Amendment No. 25.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 25 to Committee Recommendation R&P-1 by Delegate Malkus:

On page 4, section —, "Right to Organize and Bargain Collectively, as added by Amendment No. 21, add the following new sentence: "Employees of the State of Maryland shall not engage in any strike against the State."

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment has been submitted by Delegate Malkus.

Is there a second?

*(The amendment was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment, having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Malkus to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, members of the Convention, this afternoon we added a new section, subsection rather, to section 9 on page 4 of R&P-1, which reads as follows: "Employees shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing."

Now to this amendment. I voted, incidentally, for the prevailing side of this amendment. I believe that the employees have the right to organize, but I am offering this additional sentence: "This section shall not authorize the employees of the State of Maryland to engage in any strike against the State."

Now, Mr. President, I have already spoken on the subject matter. I think we should be primarily interested in the people, and I would be very much disappointed if someone were to call a strike against a State who is allowing the inmates to suffer,