

was the intention of the majority. If he has any other question I would like to answer it.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Does anyone wish to speak in favor of the amendment at this time?

Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I suppose soul and overpowering quality of the Kiefer amendment is its complete, utter lack of any meaning. However, with so many other meaningless clauses that you insist on inserting in the constitution, maybe it will go unnoticed.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Does anyone desire to speak against the amendment?

Delegate E. Churchill Murray is recognized.

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: I must speak against the amendment and for the same reason Delegate Scanlan supports it. I think it pulls the road out from under our intent.

Also, the question of the legislature making one provision for one political subdivision, and another for another political subdivision is either right or it is wrong. The action for the entire State should be in one direction or the other.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Clagett, do you speak for the amendment?

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, I wish to propose an amendment. I suggested to Delegate Kiefer that we simply add the words "by general law" at the end of the sentence. I understand that that has not been accepted. Therefore, feeling that it is quite important, I would move the amendment to include those words "by public general law."

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Kiefer has said he would prefer not to accept that amendment and we have to have unanimous consent. Otherwise it would have to be printed or presented.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Therefore I propose to print such an amendment and have it before this assembly. It is a matter of great importance in order to preserve a degree of uniformity throughout the State and to avoid getting the General Assembly squarely back into the area of local legislation. This body should appreciate that fact, and in order to avoid that confusion, I feel that the amendment is essential.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. Chairman, I would not object to this body acting on the amendment. I did not mean that. If you want to add it to an amendment, I will not stand on ceremony. I just said I would not change my language.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Therefore, I would move that Amendment No. 10 include the words at the end of the sentence "by general public law."

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Is there any objection to considering this amendment without having the printed amendment before us?

If there is none, the Chair rules we can vote on the amendment, without having it before us.

Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, I would like to ask Delegate Clagett if he would add an "s" on law. I can see that the legislature may not enact removal of sovereign immunity by one law, and it may be embodied in several laws. Therefore the "s" should be added.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, I would have no objection. That is a matter for Style. "By public general law" means a series of laws or a single law, but not necessarily at the same time. There can be subsequent law that would follow. But I would have no objection in order that the Committee on Style would know the full intent and therefore would add the letter "s" on the word law.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: Are we speaking only on the Clagett amendment? I wish to speak to Mr. Kiefer's amendment, but I will wait until the appropriate time.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Mr. Chairman.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: I rise to request the Chairman of the Committee on Local Government to explain to me what