

many sources on this area. It was the considered opinion of the General Provisions Committee that the interval of twenty-five years for calling the new convention would be adequate, would give better representation to the people. We felt it was for these reasons we should go along with the twenty-five year interval. I urge rejection of this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Winslow.

DELEGATE WINSLOW: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the remarks of Delegate Boyer we have just heard are absolutely inconsistent with the recommendations of his Committee. For the recommendation of the Committee is that the General Assembly may call the convention at any time.

Therefore, they would not need to wait, if you please, until things settled down after this Convention has closed up and the new convention has been called.

Thomas Jefferson has often been quoted on this Convention floor, so I take the liberty of citing him once more. It was the opinion of that great American statesman that the people should have a chance once every generation to vote on their fundamental law. I have tried through the Maryland Planning Commission to find out how long a generation lasts in the State of Maryland. The nearest figure I can come to is nineteen years. Since nineteen years does not fit the election schedule any more than twenty-five years fits the election schedule, it seems to me the choice Delegate Needle made of a twenty-year period, particularly because it conforms to that which we have been accustomed to for a hundred years, is an excellent idea. I plead with you to vote for the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to Committee Recommendation GP-8.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 4. 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 70 votes in the affirmative and 55 in the negative, the motion carries. The amendment is adopted.

Next will be amendment F, F for fox. This will be Amendment No. 5.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 5 to Committee Recommendation GP-8 by Delegates Needle, Hardwicke and Sollins:

On page 1 in line 13 after the period add the following new sentence: "In any event, there shall be a constitutional convention fifty years from the effective date of this constitution, unless the governor, General Assembly or the voters of the state call a constitutional convention at any time prior to then."

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been submitted by Delegate Needle, seconded by Delegates Hardwicke and Sollins, the Chair recognizes Delegate Needle.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. Chairman, I did not want for this convention to think that you or I would be in any way discriminatory. I saw Delegate Fornos jump up as soon as you said that amendment was named for fox. It is named for all those with the first initial of F and everybody else in this Convention. Does Delegate Fornos want to comment?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Fornos.

DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee of the Whole, I think it is very appropriate when the Chairman of this great Committee of the Whole recognizes this amendment as Amendment Fox that we recognize in the gallery today two young men whose father is a man who has given a lot to this convention and certainly one of the greatest men we have had in this convention. I would like to recognize Hamilton P. Fox, III, student at Yale Law School and also Jefferson K. Fox, student at Washington and Lee, and hope this Committee of the Whole would give them a cordial welcome.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Needle.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. Chairman, I am glad to see we have reversed the trend of my voting record. I trust it will continue now. I trust that you did not reverse that trend just because you wanted