

I think the work of the constitutional convention commission for this convention has been extremely valuable to this convention. They did a marvelous job. It took them about two years to do that job. I think any future commission should be given a fair chance to do an equally good job.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee, I think finally the sponsor of this amendment, and the Committee may not be too far apart. The issue is very clear. I concur with Delegate Needle in his laudatory accolade of the Commission draft presented to us here before we came.

But I think that here this Committee would have to decide: number one, can the commission, as appointed, do a job in one year or, number two, in the alternative, is it necessary for them to do it, should they have two years.

Frankly, your Committee on General Provisions met, we discussed this matter. We felt that an equally good job could be accomplished in the one year term and also could be made two, three, four, five years. We suggested therefore for your consideration to adopt the one-year period in which the commission should get their job finished. Leave it up to your good judgment. If you feel they can do it in one year, vote with the Committee; if you feel it takes two years to do it, vote with the amendment as proposed. Thank you.

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 adoption of Amendment No. 6 to Committee Recommendation GP-8.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 6. 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 100 votes in the affirmative and 21 in the negative, the motion carries. The amendment is adopted.

Amendment H will now be Amendment No. 7.

Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: I have been working without benefit of a proper copy but it seems to me, and I may be subject to correction on this, if the time within which the convention is to be called is changed from one year to two years, then the time when the General Assembly shall provide for the calling of the convention should be really not the next regular session but the second regular session after the decision of the voters is made. I think some amendment to effect this change should be in order. I have not had a chance to—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James, the Chair has two suggestions to make. I do not know that it would be absolutely imperative to change it to the next session because this would purely be providing for the convention, but, in any event, should the change not be at the second regular session but something like not later than at the second regular session—

DELEGATE JAMES: Something to that effect. I am worried about this. I would have an election in the fall, November, and the governor would have sixty days to appoint his commission. It would be pressing things rather hard to ask the commission to make all necessary technical studies and provide a proper bill for the calling of a convention to the General Assembly. You are very familiar with all the problems involved in that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would there be any objection to considering the amendment of Delegate James that would change the sentence beginning in line 18 continuing in line 19 so that instead of reading "at its next regular session," it would read at "not later than the second regular session" with the understanding that the amendment will be printed and circulated and on your desk later? There is no objection to consideration of the amendment. Therefore, this will be Amendment No. 7. On page 1 in line 19 strike the words "its next" and insert in lieu thereof the following words "not later than the second". The amendment is now before you. Do you wish to comment further, Delegate James?

DELEGATE JAMES: I have no further comment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, with my limited knowledge of the legislature, I would con-