

shall not exceed ten per cent of the mean population of all congressional districts. Each congressional district shall consist of adjoining territory and be compact in form. Due regard shall be given to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions. The boundaries of Congressional districts shall be established according to these standards immediately prior to the statewide congressional general election in 1972 and every tenth year thereafter."

Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair will not recognize you now, Delegate Weidemeyer. The hour for the special order of the day is approaching.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers so that the Committee might rise.

DELEGATE POWERS: I move that the Committee of the Whole rise so we may consider the matter that was set for special order at 12 noon today.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No. The Ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

(Whereupon, at 12:00 noon, the Committee of the Whole rose, and the Convention reconvened.)

(The mace was replaced by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)

PLENARY SESSION

DECEMBER 20, 1967—12:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair reports the Committee has under consideration LB-3, that it still has it under consideration, and desires leave to sit again.

The matter for special order is the consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote by which Committee Recommendation GP-4, dealing with consumer protection, was adopted on special reading.

Under the motion adopted yesterday, debate is limited to a total of twenty min-

utes, ten minutes on each side. Each speech is limited to two minutes.

The Chair proposes to recognize first Delegate Johnson, and then to recognize Delegate Boyer, Chairman of the Committee, and within the time allowable to recognize speakers on either side of the question.

Note that under Motion 7 the vote on the Committee Recommendation in the event the motion to reconsider is carried, will be taken without further debate immediately following the vote on reconsideration. Therefore, on the motion to reconsider, the full question is open. You may discuss the motion to reconsider and also the primary recommendation.

Will the Clerk please ring the quorum bell?

The Chair recognizes Delegate Johnson for two minutes.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. President and fellow delegates. Just very briefly, initially, why reconsider?

May I point out to you that under the second reading the debate on this matter was inadvertently cut off after only two speakers. The attendance was low, twenty-four delegates were either absent or not voting, and, thirdly, on third reading we may or may not have this item before us individually.

I hope that you have GP-4 before you, and will take a look at it.

This provision is either an enforceable mandate or a hortatory statement which cannot compare to the equal opportunity item which was deleted from the education section of general provisions.

I fear, however, that this is in fact a mandate and a constitutional guarantee which, while defying logical interpretation, apparently seeks to insure a money-back guarantee to everyone upon a suggestion of an impropriety. However unfounded this suggestion may be, I ask you to consider how the legislature can pass a law that will protect and educate all of the citizens against alleged harmful and unfair business practices.

I ask you to consider how the word "protection" is going to be defined in the context of this section, and how far the word "education" purports to be extended.

No one can argue that this is not legislation. I realize that it is extremely tempt-