

to be able to do so by Friday, so that we would not have a session on Saturday. If we are able to do this, we would also, of course, not have a session on Monday, but probably would have a session on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The next amendment is with respect to section 5.26.

Delegate Mudd, do you desire to offer your Amendment E?

DELEGATE MUDD: Yes, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pages will please distribute Amendment E — "E" for "easy". This will be Amendment No. 6.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 6 to Committee Recommendation JB-1 as amended by Report S&D-8, by Delegates Mudd, Hickman, Kahl, Henderson, Harkness, J. H. Smith, Hargrove, Dulany, Bradshaw, Cicone, Rosenstock, M. H. Smith, Schneider, Cleveland, and Marion:

On page 9, section 5.26, Commission on Judicial Disabilities, in line 4 strike out the period and insert in lieu thereof the following:

" , but the General Assembly shall provide by law for shorter terms for the three judicial members and one of the other members first appointed, in order to establish staggered terms of office. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled for the remainder of the term."

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Mudd, in line with the amendment, the modification to the other amendment, do you desire to strike the word "staggered" in line 7 and substitute the word "overlapping"?

DELEGATE MUDD: Yes, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection?

The Chair hears none.

The amendment will be modified, in line 7 strike the word "staggered", insert the word "overlapping".

Do I understand also that you would desire to strike the word "provide" in line 4 and the word "for" after the word "law" in line 5, and substitute the word "prescribe" after the word "shall" in line 4?

DELEGATE MUDD: Yes, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection?

The Chair hears none.

The amendment will be so modified. Strike the word "provide" in line 4 and insert the word "prescribe". Strike the first word "for" in line 5.

The amendment is submitted by Delegate Mudd, seconded by the co-sponsors.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Convention:

This amendment is designed to accomplish the same objective with respect to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities as we already have accomplished by the amendment proposed by the same sponsors with respect to the Nominating Commission.

Section 5.26 as submitted and adopted proposes the Commission on Judicial Disabilities consist of three judges, one lay member and one lawyer member. The purpose of this amendment is that the General Assembly shall prescribe by law shorter terms for the three judicial members and one of the other members first appointed, in order to establish overlapping terms of office.

The Committee on Judicial Disabilities is composed of only five members, one judge from the Court of Appeals, one judge from the Intermediate Court of Appeals, and one from the Superior Court. The General Assembly, if this amendment is adopted as we request, would provide for shorter terms for the three judicial members and one of the other members.

This is consistent with the suggestion and representation we made as to the intention of the Committee at the time our JB-1 was debated before the Committee of the Whole. This is also consistent with the amendment, as I previously indicated, already adopted with respect to the nominating commissions.

We therefore ask you to vote for this amendment.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any questions of the sponsor of the amendment?

The Chair hears none.

Is there any discussion? 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. 6 to Committee Recom-