

I am not opposed to it, but I believe this is very different from what the present Constitution provides.

THE PRESIDENT: Except that it is not as broad as you stated. It is limited to an obligation for the support of such a dependent if it is incorporated in a decree, otherwise not.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Does it also include if it is by agreement incorporated in a decree?

THE PRESIDENT: Incorporated in an agreement approved by a decree, but there must be a decree of court or there is no obligation within the meaning of this section.

Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: What I am saying, sir, is that up until this time only those people covered by the amendment or by the section as we originally submitted it —

THE PRESIDENT: I understand. I merely said that the statement you originally made was too broad. It did not extend to obligations for the support of all dependents but only where the obligation was either created by a decree or created by an agreement incorporated into a decree.

DELEGATE KIEFER: I understand that, sir, but that is still far beyond what the present Constitution provides.

THE PRESIDENT: Very well. Are you ready for the question? The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 9 to Committee Recommendations R&I-1 and R&I-2 as amended by S&D-9. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 9; a vote No is a vote against. Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote? The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 106 votes in the affirmative and 5 in the negative, the motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

Delegate Betty Miller, the Chair was advised you desired to make your motion to reconsider at this time or after the dinner hour?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, if we were to reconsider now, could we complete reconsideration? I would not like to break before we could take a vote.

THE PRESIDENT: We could not, if we have extended debate. I have no idea of whether it is intended there be further debate.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: I would imagine it would take about twenty minutes. Could we meet for twenty minutes?

THE PRESIDENT: I should think so, but I would not want to keep the person — he is here from Richmond and has to go back this evening. I gave him assurance he could get in and I would not want to keep him unduly.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: I think we could do it in twenty minutes. I would ask reconsideration of Amendment No. 5 at this time.

THE PRESIDENT: If we do that, I think there ought to be an understanding that an equal number of persons on both sides be recognized alternately and that speeches be limited to two minutes. Would that be agreeable?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: All right.

THE PRESIDENT: Very well. There is a motion to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 5 was adopted. Is the motion seconded?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The motion having been seconded, the question arises on the motion to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 5 was adopted. The Chair will recognize delegates desiring to speak in favor of or against the motion alternately, limit each to two minutes, and the discussion will be on the motion to reconsider or on the main question all at one time.

Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. President, members of the Convention, in the gallery facing the President we now have with us my charming and talented wife, who is a teacher at Douglass School in Baltimore, Maryland, and her favorite brother, who incidentally is my brother-in-law, Dr. Emerson Julian recently elected to the Baltimore City Council. Let us make them welcome.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Immediately after the vote to reconsider, if it passes, Amendment No. 5 will be submitted to you without further debate.