

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. President, shorn of all of its technicalities, this motion reflects good public policy and I am strongly in favor of it.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, would it be the intention of the Chair, if this motion is carried, to specifically assign yourself or one of the two Vice-Presidents to a committee as a committee member with a vote? It is a point of inquiry.

THE PRESIDENT: I would intend to continue each officer as a liaison member of the committees to which they are assigned at the present time, because I regard the arrangement of liaison membership in the committees as most important. If the resolution is adopted, I would, after consultation with the member, designate a committee in which they would have a vote which would mean they would not have a vote in the remaining two committees, but would remain members of the committee and I would take it they would have all the rights of members to participate in the discussion.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I think, Mr. President, if that be the case, it would be the hope of the Committee on the Legislative Branch that Vice-President Clark would be assigned as a substantive committee member with a vote.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on the resolution? Are you ready for the question?

(Call for the question.)

The question arises on the adoption of Resolution No. 18 with the amendments heretofore adopted to the last paragraph beginning on line 28 of page 1. Delegate Vecera.

DELEGATE VECERA: Could we please have a roll call vote?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair intends to have a roll call vote. Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: I would like to ask a question of the Chair, please. If you cause these gentlemen to designate the committee on which they will have a vote, will that mean that the 20 per cent required for a minority report includes that person in the computation of the 20 per cent?

THE PRESIDENT: Offhand, I would not anticipate that the adoption of the resolution would change the computation of the 20 per cent. The resolution does not say that the liaison members are not members of the committee and without having looked at it at the moment, I think the provision for minority reports refers to 20 per cent of the membership of the committee. I am not absolutely certain. I will check it in just a moment. Rule 28 [29]*, second sentence says "the report of a minority of at least 20 per cent of the members of any committee shall be received" and so forth. In other words, it refers to membership rather than voting membership. Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: I would assume, therefore, that under Rule 28 [29], that the same fact in regard to a majority would have to prevail. Am I correct in that assumption that it would have to be based on the total number of the committee members, rather than just the voting members?

THE PRESIDENT: The first sentence of Rule 28 [29], reads that the affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the committee shall be necessary to report a proposal out of committee. I would think the same answer would apply to that sentence. Are you ready for the question? The question arises on Resolution No. 18 as amended in the particulars heretofore stated in the last paragraph beginning on line 28 of page 1. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the adoption of the resolution as amended. A vote No is a vote against adoption of the resolution. Roll call vote.

(Whereupon a roll call vote was taken.)

THE PRESIDENT: Have all delegates voted?

Does any delegates desire to change his vote?

(There was no response.)

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 75 votes in the affirmative and 55 in the negative, the motion carries. The resolution is adopted.

Delegate Burdette.

DELEGATE BURDETTE: I wonder if you might obtain unanimous consent to

*The number in brackets refers to the final number assigned to the rule in the Rules of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland.