

thereof the following: "Within sixty days after such approval by the voters or within sixty days after the General Assembly calls a convention, the governor shall".

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Needle.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: This is simply an amendment to reinsert the original language adopted by the Committee of the Whole on lines 32 through 35, and to strike the amendment as submitted by the Committee on Style and Drafting.

What the Committee on Style and Drafting has done is to limit the time in which the governor shall appoint a constitutional convention commission, to 60 days after a convention has been called, and has eliminated the provision with regard to the approval of the voters.

The two preceding sentences refer to two different procedures, one being the calling of a convention by the General Assembly, and the other being the approval of the calling of a convention by the voters when submitted to them at the ballot. The language inserted by the Style and Drafting Committee in those two prior sentences clearly indicates that there are two distinct procedures.

I am afraid that by eliminating one of these procedures in the sentence referred to on lines 32 through 35 that it is possible to interpret that the governor shall appoint a constitutional convention commission only if the General Assembly has called a convention, and I am sure that that is not the intention of this Committee or the Convention, or the Style and Drafting Committee.

I think the original language was perfectly clear, and my amendment would reinsert that original language.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Penniman.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: I think there is no doubt that the language was originally perfectly clear, but it seemed to us it is still perfectly clear as changed by the Committee on Style, Drafting, and Arrangement, since there is reference in the first sentence to the subjection of the calling of the convention to the voters, and once the voters have approved, then that is the calling. So the reference in line 33 to "a convention has been called" would mean by either of the methods.

It seemed to me we saved seven or eight words and did not in any way change the meaning.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 1, designated "E".

The Clerk will record the vote.

A vote in favor of the amendment restores the original language.

*(Whereupon, a roll call vote was taken.)*

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Has every delegate recorded his vote? That looks like a sparse vote up there.

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 49 votes in the affirmative and 48 in the negative, the amendment is adopted. The original language is restored.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Needle.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. Chairman, flushed with victory, I would like to introduce the amendment designated D, as in "delightful."

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): The pages will distribute Amendment D.

For what purpose does Delegate Clagett rise?

DELEGATE CLAGETT: A point of personal privilege.

Mr. President, I would like to welcome to the gallery over the rostrum and to introduce to this assembly a very distinguished and prominent attorney from Prince George's County, a member from that county to the House of Delegates who is surveying this chamber to see where his seat will be placed, Mr. Raymond J. McDonough. *(Applause.)*

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): The Chair would like to welcome Delegate McDonough.

For what purpose does Delegate Weidemyer rise?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I hope that you and the members of the Convention will accord your usual warm welcome to the wife of former Delegate to the House of Delegates, Wilbur Major of Carroll County, and I did notice former Delegate Major, with whom I spent many happy years, in the gallery a few moments ago. *(Applause.)*