

gested amendment that you have really done two things. You have pulled out the public employee for separate treatment in the second sentence, but you have also changed the language of the first part which is now section 1.17, so that what you have done, in effect, is said that there will be a right to organize and bargain collectively only to the extent prescribed and as regulated by law. As a matter of fact, then, there would no longer be the basic guarantee. In effect, there would be only what the legislature might grant hereinafter. Is that not true?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Kiefer?

DELEGATE KIEFER: Delegate Sickles, when I drew this the Scanlan amendment had not been offered, but I do not see that there is any great difference between the first sentence of the Scanlan amendment and my language.

I would not quarrel with that. I would be willing to accept the Scanlan language in the first sentence if that would satisfy you.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further questions?

DELEGATE SICKLES: I have no problems if the language could be identical as far as that first sentence is concerned.

DELEGATE KIEFER: I would agree to that.

THE PRESIDENT: Do you desire to modify your amendment?

DELEGATE KIEFER: It would read as the Scanlan amendment has it for the first sentence.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Kiefer, if the Chair understands your request, it is that you would desire to strike out all of line 8 and the word "law" in line 9 and in substitution insert the phrase "subject to any regulation of the exercise of those rights that the General Assembly may prescribe by law." Is that correct, sir?

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. President, I prefer the language I have, but if I could get substantial agreement with everybody, I would accept that.

THE PRESIDENT: Is this your desire?

DELEGATE KIEFER: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Kiefer indicates that he desires to modify the amendment by striking out line 8 and the word "law" in line 9 and in lieu thereof inserting the words "subject to any regu-

lation of the exercise of those rights that the General Assembly may prescribe by law".

Is there any objection to the modification?

If not, the modification will be made. The amendment is modified by striking all of line 8, the word "law" in line 9 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "subject to any regulation of the exercise of those rights that the General Assembly may prescribe by law".

The Chair recognizes Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, since we are talking about the Scanlan language in the Kiefer amendment, I wonder if it would be in order for me to ask Mr. Scanlan if he would yield to a question?

THE PRESIDENT: It would be if no other delegate desires the floor to debate.

Does any delegate desire to discuss the question either for or against the proposed amendment?

*(There was no response.)*

The Chair hears none.

Delegate Scanlan, would you take the floor to yield to a question from Senator Malkus?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I shall.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. Scanlan, reading section 1.17 with your amendment, and see if I read it correctly, "employees shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing subject to any"—then, you add "regulation of the exercise of these rights that the General Assembly may prescribe by law."

Did I read the section as amended correctly?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: You did, Delegate Malkus.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Now, my next question is this: In the event that the General Assembly did nothing, would not the law as written in the original draft prior to your amendment be in existence?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Scanlan?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Yes, if the General Assembly did nothing there would