

any study of the volume of special legislation? My offhand impression is that there is very little.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: It was our experience there had been virtually no special legislation during the period of time we were in the General Assembly.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I would like to move the previous question.

*(The motion was duly seconded).*

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): The question arises upon the adoption of Amendment No. 18 to Committee Recommendations GP-1, LB-2 and LB-3 as amended by Style Committee Report S&E-16. The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

Delegate Borom.

DELEGATE BOROM: Can we take at least a voice vote on moving the previous question?

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Yes.

The question arises on moving the previous question.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

We will record the vote. Has everyone recorded his vote? The Clerk will record the vote. There being 20 votes in the affirmative, and 73 in the negative, the amendment is rejected.

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: With no objection, on line 19 of page 19, before the word "general" we put "an existing", to make this perfectly clear, an insert from the floor, so to speak.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Is there any objection to the verbal amendment?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: On line 19, the word "a" be stricken, and the words "an existing" be substituted.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): This would be Amendment No. 19. See that an amendment is prepared.

All those in favor of the amendment signify by saying Aye; contrary, No.

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell, and we will take a vote.

Before making the change, is there any discussion.

Dr. Pullen? Discussion?

The members will record their vote on Amendment No. 19. Has everyone recorded his vote? The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 79 votes in the affirmative, and 10 in the negative, Amendment No. 19 is adopted.

*(At this point, President H. Vernon Eney resumed the Chair).*

THE PRESIDENT: This will be Amendment No. 20. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 20 to Committee Recommendations LB-1, LB-2, L-B 3, as amended by Style Committee Report No. S&E-16 by Delegates Macdonald and others: On page 9, section 3.23, General Application of Laws, in lines 2 and 3 strike out the words "pertaining to natural environment and resources;"

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Wagandt, do you desire to submit this amendment?

DELEGATE WAGANDT: Yes, I do.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate Wagandt.

DELEGATE WAGANDT: The purpose of this amendment is to prevent the General Assembly from passing laws with respect to general resources. This was our intent when it came before the Committee of the Whole. Apparently there were members of the General Provisions Committee who interpreted otherwise, and so informed Style and Drafting.

Let us take a closer look at what happens if the General Assembly is allowed to enact a local law in this area of natural resources. By so doing you will allow the legislature to set, if it so desires, a different oyster season for each Bay county. To take another example, we could have one law for the minimum size of clams taken on the Queen Anne County side of the Chester side of the river, and another law prescribing a different minimum size for clams taken on the Kent County side of the Chester River.

This, incidentally, is not a hypothetical case. This is the actual situation as it exists today. We believe that the General Assembly can adequately provide for the conservation and improvement of natural resources through public general law, and through regulatory agencies.