

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Yes, and the reason is that these courts were set up not in contemplation of our having a new constitution. They were set up at the latest date in the last session of the General Assembly, and by reason of that fact we believe that they were organized with regard to performing a proper function and with regard to need and not with regard to the State taking over certain obligations. We believe if you open this door to any county that there will be log rolling and padding of the various courts with a view to having the State take over their functions and take over a great number of unnecessary positions.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to Committee Recommendation GP-13.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 5. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 17 votes in the affirmative and 87 in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

Are there any further amendments to section 23? The Chair hears none. Are there any amendments to section 24? Section 25?

Delegate Rybczynski.

Are there any other amendments to Section 25?

The Chair hears none. Section 26? Section 27? Section 28? Section 29? Section 30? Section 31? Section 32? Section 33? Section 34? Section 35? Section 36? Section 37? Section 38? Section 39? Section 40? Section 41? Section 42?

*(There was no response to these questions.)*

That brings us to the schedule of legislation.

You have now received or should have received all copies of the draft constitution to and including article 9, and in particular including article 3. You should have five packets on the brown paper, articles 1 and 3, one covering article 3, one covering article 4, one covering articles 5, 6, 7 and 8, and one covering article 9.

For what purpose does Delegate Scanlan rise?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I wonder whether or not it would be improper at this point to ask that we take a vote on the schedule of the transitional provisions that we have just gone through and at least get that out of the way in the Committee of the Whole before we take up the schedule of legislation.

They are clearly divisible, of course, and in the interest of tidying up and getting behind us what I think we have already had before us, it might be in order. I just offer it as a suggestion to the Chair.

THE CHAIRMAN: I will be glad to do it as soon as we conclude consideration of articles 3 and 4 of the transition provisions. We will take up article 3 at this time.

Does everyone have a copy of the tan paper copies that I have just enumerated? You should have five of them, which gives you a complete set of articles 5 through 9. Any delegates who do not have a complete set please indicate and the pages will bring them to you.

We will revert to consideration of section 7 of the schedule of transitional provisions, page 3 of the blue copy, section 7 is open to amendment.

Delegate Boyer, do you desire to offer your Amendment 8?

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. President, section 7, of course, deals with the delayed effect of certain sections. It is my respectful suggestion that the main thrust of my amendment would come in section 8, and I would respectfully suggest that we consider Amendment A first to section 8, then if it is adopted we would submit Amendment 8 as a hopskeeping amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher, would you concur?