

worked long and hard over week-ends when many of us were not here, to produce such a fine job of transitional provisions.

THE PRESIDENT: I think —

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: I think that is a tribute well deserved and should extend also to members of the staff who worked with Delegate Hardwicke. I think very few of you, with the exception of the Committee Chairman, have any real appreciation of the number of hours of work which went into the preparation of the document, and I think probably the real tribute to Delegate Hardwicke and the Committee Chairman and the staff members who worked on it is the fact that this Convention has been able to consider and act upon that thirty-page document in the relatively limited period of time in which we have been able to act.

The Chair adds its thanks to both Delegate Hardwicke and the staff members.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The question arises on the motion to suspend interfering rules to permit consideration of Amendment No. 12 to add section 14 to article 2 of the constitution as adopted on second reading. This is a suspension of rules. A roll call vote is necessary. Are there any delegates who do not have a copy of the amendment?

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the suspension of the rules. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

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

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 97 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion carries. The interfering rules are suspended.

The question now arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 12 to add section 14 to article 2 of the constitution. The amendment is submitted by Delegate Koss, seconded by the co-sponsors. The Chair recognizes Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. President, fellow delegates, I hope at this point we do not regret the decision —

THE PRESIDENT: May I interrupt, Delegate Koss?

I am reminded that the Clerk has not read it across the desk. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 12 to Committee Recommendation S&E-1 and S&E-2 as amended by Report S&D-11, by Delegates Koss, Moser, Abramson, Baumann, Byrnes, Cardin, Case, J. Clark, Frederick, Hutchinson, Marion, D. Murray, Pascal, Rybczynski, Schloeder, Soul, and White. On page 5 following line 28 of section 2.13, Effect of Referendum, insert the following new section:

Section 2.14. Referenda on Laws Applicable in Only One County.

The General Assembly shall prescribe by law procedures by which a law enacted by it and applicable in only one county may be petitioned to referendum. The law shall be submitted to a vote of the people of the named county after a petition has been signed by a number of qualified voters equal to at least ten per cent of the total votes cast for governor in that county in the most recent gubernatorial election. No law empowering a county to exercise a power or perform a function, nor any law pertaining to appropriations, or granting, limiting or withdrawing the taxing power of a county shall be subject to referendum pursuant to this section."

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. President, fellow delegates, I hope at this point we do not regret having agreed to correcting the designation of our committee as the Committee on Suffrage.

First, may I ask unanimous consent in line 11 to strike the word "named". That was an error in typing and retyping.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection to striking from line 11 of the amendment the word "named"?

The Chair hears none. Consent is given. The modification is made.

DELEGATE KOSS: At the time that S&E-1 came to the floor, its accompanying memorandum stated that the consideration of the referendum and the recommendations of the Committee were based on the assumption that the legislature may pass only public general laws.

In terms of the action of this Convention on section 3.23, we now know that the General Assembly can pass laws which