

of Judge Henderson be added to the sponsors of these two amendments.

THE CHAIRMAN: The name of Delegate Henderson is added as cosponsor on Amendment No. 13 and Amendment No. 14.

Delegate Fornos.

DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates, I have the privilege of presenting two amendments to the Committee on the Judiciary Sections of the Transitional Provisions and on the Transitional Legislation. I would like to acknowledge the very hard work of Delegates Gilchrist, Gill, Lord, John Smith, Marvin Smith, and Delegate Willoner in making these amendments possible as well as the Committee Counsel, Bill Adkins.

The best way to describe what we aim to do, if the delegates would turn to page 21 of the transitional legislation section and if we could strike out tentatively what would be eliminated: On page 21 we would propose to strike out all of line 47 through 50; on page 22, all of page 22; on page 23, all of page 23; on page 24 we propose to strike out subparagraph 2, lines 1 through 15, and subparagraph 3, lines 44 through 50.

On page 25, we would propose to strike out all of section 23 starting at line 13 through 44.

There was one oversight in the drafting of Amendment 14, and I would like to have unanimous consent, Mr. Chairman, that on line 39 on page 24 the date "July 1" be changed to "January 1, 1968."

THE CHAIRMAN: This is not an amendment to the amendment but an additional amendment to the section.

DELEGATE FORNOS: It was an oversight.

THE CHAIRMAN: But the reference is not to the printed amendment.

DELEGATE FORNOS: This is to bring it in compliance with line 13.

THE CHAIRMAN: You misunderstood me. Your modification is not of the printed amendment?

DELEGATE FORNOS: That is correct. It is another part of the first amendment. We have to add it to Amendment No. 14.

THE CHAIRMAN: What line of page 24?

DELEGATE FORNOS: 39.

THE CHAIRMAN: What do you want to do?

DELEGATE FORNOS: Put the word "January" in place of "July."

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection to modification of Amendment No. 14 by adding in line 20 of the amendment after the semicolon the following and in line 39 change "July" to "January"?

If there is no objection, the modification is made.

DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates, what we hope to achieve by these two amendments can best be outlined for you if we take and as I explain our objectives and also study Amendment No. 13 which implements our objective. By striking section 21 of the schedule of transitional legislation, we are substituting transitional provisions in section 30 as follows: That the present salary of the judges of the Court of Appeals can in no way be decreased and will be maintained as the minimum on the implementation of the new uniform judicial salaries system, that the present salaries of the Court of Appeals will remain as they are and will be maintained as the minimum in the new transitional provisions. That under the Circuit Courts, now the superior courts, the superior court justices would be paid equally to what the highest circuit court, or the Supreme Court justice in this case, and this would be \$30,500.

We completely eliminated any reference to the salaries of the district court. The logic behind this is that the district court does not become implemented until 1970 and having established a uniform judicial salaries system for the three higher courts of the State, we felt that we did not go into the area of legislation and legislate and leave it to the General Assembly to provide in this area.

Furthermore, we have taken into consideration that there may be some subdivisions of the State which under existing laws might supplement judicial salaries in an effort to gain higher salaries as a result of this new Constitution. And to circumvent any such possibility, we have added a sentence to section 30; on Amendment No. 13 it is listed as subparagraph (e) which says, "In establishing a uniform scale of judicial salaries and pensions, including those for the district court, the General Assembly may disregard any local supplementation or local salary or pension