

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: It is a duplication, but we did not want it to be left under the budget appropriation.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Mentzer.

DELEGATE MENTZER: Delegate Penniman, I am not sure that you pointed out that the section is now called finance rather than finances.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: Excuse me.

DELEGATE MENTZER: In section 6.10, line 19, we did strike a comma. We made no changes.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: We did indeed after judicial branch.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Delegate Penniman, is not the change in line 22 on page 41, section 6.13 really a substantive change in light of section 3.13?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: I think it is not a substantive change. In checking with the Committee, the regular session as originally established was a ninety-day session. One of the reasons that the "regular" was inserted in the other ones was growing out of this whole discussion here. I think it is not a change from the substance of the Committee or of the expectation of the Committee of the Whole.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: I would probably agree that it is not a change from the intention of the Committee, but it seems to me it is indeed a substantive change.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: I think it is not. For example, if it happened on the 140th day it would be difficult for them to extend the session beyond 150. It is easy enough to extend beyond the ninety days.

DELEGATE HANSON: May I state what bothers me about this is Delegate Penniman's response to it. In section 3.15 we provide that the General Assembly may extend its regular session. It seems to me that if we write this here as the 80th day we have two inconsistencies, the one possibly which I was suggesting earlier, but a second and perhaps more serious one when viewed in the light of 3.15 in that we are creating here a new way in which the length of the General Assembly may be extended.

It was not inconsistent with 3.15 when it was left ten days before the end of the regular session, but now we are saying

that maybe it is not inconsistent. It seems that we are creating a new procedure for extending the length of the General Assembly that is not provided for in 3.15, and I think this problem should be cleared up.

THE PRESIDENT: I am sorry. I do not follow the point you are making now. I did the earlier one. In what way does the change in section 6.13 either extend the session or authorize an extension of the session? I am not following your point.

DELEGATE HANSON: Section 6.13 permits the governor by proclamation to extend the session until the enactment of the budget and ten days thereafter, this is if it has not been enacted by ten days before the expiration date.

Section 3.15 on the other hand provides that the General Assembly may on its own volition extend the session by a majority vote for thirty days and an additional thirty days by a three-fifths majority vote.

I am not saying that they are inconsistent, but we are creating a kind of peculiar problem, I am afraid.

THE PRESIDENT: I take it that what you are saying is that the way it was before, if the section had been extended by the General Assembly to the full extent of 150 days and they had not enacted the bill by the 140th day then the Governor not only had the power that he has under other sections to extend, but he was mandated to extend the session here for at least twenty days, is that correct, Delegate Hanson?

DELEGATE HANSON: That is correct, or up to twenty days.

THE PRESIDENT: In light of the colloquy that occurred before in the Committee of the Whole that what the Committee on Style has done is probably in conformity with what the Committee of the Whole intended. I think you are proper to call the matter to the attention of the Assembly.

Is Delegate Gallagher here? I would like to confirm, Delegate Gallagher, whether the Chair is correct in his recollection of the discussion in the Committee of the Whole or if there was no such discussion whether it was the intention of the Committee on the Legislative Branch.

The question arises with respect to the change made by the Committee on Style in connection with page 41, line 16. Delegate Hanson points out the way it was written