

Delegate Mentzer.

DELEGATE MENTZER: I think my final point is the use of "The State" vs. "This State", and I just think we have been inconsistent in the way we have done it. I do not know whether we have had a rationale or not. I do not intend to go through and find it. I wonder if the Committee in giving final consideration to it might consider it.

I noted on page 46, line 2, "people of this State", and it seems we should say "the State". There may be other cases similar to this.

THE PRESIDENT: What line is that on page 46?

DELEGATE MENTZER: Line 2.

THE PRESIDENT: I think probably we have used it both ways, Delegate Mentzer.

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DELEGATE MENTZER: We have used it both ways usually because there was some distinction we were trying to make and I just have to check the other uses to be sure. In this case I would think it should be "the State".

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Penniman.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: I am sorry, I did not get it.

THE PRESIDENT: The change suggested, page 46, line 2, change the word "this" to the word "the".

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: I would see no objection to the way it is now myself. I would prefer to keep it as is.

THE PRESIDENT: Very well.

Delegate Boyles.

DELEGATE BOYLES: Mr. President, on page 75, line 45, we have an amendment to say section 7.04 in the Constitution. Would it not just pay to advertise a little bit and say 1967, which is I am sure what we mean?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Penniman.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: If we were going to say I suppose we would say 1968, but the Constitution in effect when this goes into effect will be the one we are adopting so I think "The Constitution" would cover it.

THE PRESIDENT: You make the decision.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: I say no.

THE PRESIDENT: Any change would have to come by amendment.

Is there any other suggestion?

Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. Chairman, I for one think we have carried this amending frolic a little far. You have indicated the staff was going to read the draft, and especially, I guess, the scheduled legislation with a close eye and most of these matters certainly could be picked up there. A number of them are duplicative. I wish we could get to the matters of substance.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The Chair has several announcements.

If any delegates desire to have accommodations for sleeping this evening, you may ask a page to contact Mr. Sullivan at the Maryland Inn right away, or as soon as you possibly can. He can take care of you for the time being. If we do not have protracted debate, we should be able to conclude the roll call within a reasonable period, I believe.

The session has already consumed about four times as much time as we had contemplated would be consumed in doing this, but it is important work. It is also not only important, but vital that the delegates remain until we finish.

We have snow warnings. It is snowing heavily now. It is supposed to accumulate to something between four and seven inches by tomorrow. This does not mean that we have to stop all activity. This work is much too important for us to be dissuaded.

The Chair proposes to continue without recess for dinner until we finish the voting, unless it becomes so protracted, and the warnings that we receive from the weather bureau and the State Police Department indicate to the officers that the situation is really becoming hazardous.

The question arises on the adoption of the amendment proposed by the Committee on Style with respect to all of Committee Report S&E-18. This means all of the style amendments on the preamble to the Con-