

stitution, all ten articles, the schedule of transitional provisions, and the schedule of legislation.

Is there any discussion?

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of all of the amendments and modifications proposed by the Committee on Style with respect to Committee Report S&E-18.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor; 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 124 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion is carried. All the amendments proposed by the Committee on Style and the modifications from Committee Report S&E-18 are adopted.

The question now arises on the adoption of the various provisions and article of the constitution and of the several schedules. In accordance with the previous announcement these will be first open to amendment, division by division or article by article.

Are there any amendments to the preamble?

*(There was no response.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The Clerk will please ring the quorum bell again.

The Chair proposes to follow the rule that if an article is open for amendment and amendments have been received or none have been offered and we have passed on to another article and a delegate has been out of the chamber and returns to the chamber to offer an amendment to a previous article, the Chair will rule it out of order, unless the ruling of the Chair is overturned.

*(Applause.)*

Are there any amendments to the preamble?

The Chair hears none.

Are there any amendments to Article 1?

The Chair has one amendment to Article 1.

Delegate Gallagher, do you desire to offer your Amendment F?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I do, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Will the pages please distribute Amendment F?

This will be Amendment No. 1.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 1 to Report S&D-18 by Delegate Gallagher. On page 5, section 1.17, Continuity of Government During Emergencies, in line 2 strike out the words: "continuity of".

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment submitted by Delegate Gallagher is submitted by Delegate Gallagher.

Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment has been seconded.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Convention: You will remember that this section pertains to continuity of government during emergencies. If you will read it carefully, this is the latest complete amendment to this section, and beginning with the second sentence on page 4, line 49, "any suspension shall be for the period of the emergency only, and only provisions of this Constitution concerning continuity of state and local public offices and governmental operations may be suspended," is the way it reads presently.

In actuality, there are no provisions in the constitution concerning the continuity of state and local public offices and operations, the purpose of this section being to provide continuity.

Therefore, in order to read the sentence in its proper way, we should eliminate the "continuity of" so that the sentence will now read "any suspension shall be for the period of the emergency only and only provisions of this constitution concerning state and local public offices and governmental operations may be suspended", will be the final way it would read if this amendment were adopted.

I think it is an obvious change and I would hope it would be approved.