state that if I were able to remain it would be my intention to vote in favor of each and every article of the constitution, and vote in favor of the entire constitution.

There are things in the constitution with which I do not specifically agree. I think that will so of us all, but I do think that on the whole there is no question that this constitution and each and every article of it will be a major benefit to this State and a major reform, and I look forward myself to having you join me in that vote.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

THE PRESIDENT: State the privilege.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Before Delegate Carson leaves the chamber, I wish to state for the record that he has been one of the most valuable assistants to our Local Government Committee and to me personally throughout the work on that Committee. I have worked closely with him in finding ways in which to compromise differences of view, and we have achieved that purpose.

One of the bases upon which we approached compromise was an understanding between us that the natural resources and environment clause would be included in the constitution. There was to some extent a difference of view with respect to whether it would be by general or by local law, and because of the nature of the understanding, I went to him two days ago and asked him to release me from that understanding, whereby it applied to that difference. He did so in the spirit of and in a way for which I wish to express deep gratitude now, which I feel toward him for having done so. Thank you.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Article 7 is open to amendment. Are there any amendments?

The Chair hears none.

Article 8 is open to amendment. Are there any amendments?

The Chair hears none.

Article 9 is open to amendment. Are there any amendments?

Delegate Mentzer, do you desire to offer your Amendment D?

DELEGATE MENTZER: Yes, I do.

THE PRESIDENT: The pages will please distribute Amendment D, D for David. This will be Amendment No. 6.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 6 to Report S&D-18 by Delegate Mentzer. On page 48, section 9.06, National Resources, in lines 29 and 30 strike out the following:

"and resources, and of the scenic beauty of the State"

and insert in lieu thereof the following: ", natural resources, and natural beauty of the State".

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment has been submitted by Delegate Mentzer. Is there a second?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Second.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate Mentzer.

DELEGATE MENTZER: Mr. President, this amendment borders on one on style and I apologize in some way for taking up the time of the Convention with it.

However, I believe all of us had hoped that there would be grace and lilt in all sections of the Constitution and we oftentimes abandoned this for the sake of accuracy and clarity.

We feel we can add somewhat to the natural beauty of this sentence by adopting this amendment.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion?

Are you ready for the question?

(There was no response.)

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Burdette.

DELEGATE BURDETTE: Is it in order for me to ask a question of the sponsor?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

Delegate Mentzer, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE MENTZER: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Burdette.

DELEGATE BURDETTE: I have been one who felt this did not border on style because I had thought that the intent of such a motion could be construed, and I ask