

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Is it in order for me to move now for a reconsideration of this vote?

THE PRESIDENT: It is of course in order to move it. Under the rule, unless the rules are suspended, the motion would have to lie over for two session days. You may move it.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. Chairman, I move reconsideration and simultaneously move a suspension of the rules which would interfere with an immediate consideration of the motion to reconsider.

I would like to state my reasons, if I may.

I think if you have sixty-eight votes and need the seventy-two, I would most earnestly ask that you reconsider and cast your vote favorably.

THE PRESIDENT: For what purpose does Delegate Kosakowski rise?

DELEGATE KOSAKOWSKI: A point of parliamentary inquiry.

THE PRESIDENT: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE KOSAKOWSKI: Am I in order to speak in opposition to the motion just made?

THE PRESIDENT: The motion to suspend rules is not debatable. The person making the motion can state the reason for the motion, but that is all.

The question arises on the motion to reconsider the vote by which section 6.17 failed of adoption and to suspend all interfering rules to permit immediate consideration of that motion.

The Chair will submit the motion separately. The first motion will be the motion to suspend the rules. The motion to suspend the rules is adopted.

If the motion to suspend the rules is adopted, we will then proceed to an immediate consideration of the other motion. If the motion to suspend the rules is not adopted, then the motion to reconsider will lay over under the rules.

For what purposes does Delegate Johnson rise?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Parliamentary inquiry.

THE PRESIDENT: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: What affirmative vote is required on each question submitted?

THE PRESIDENT: On the motion to suspend the rules, an absolute majority, seventy-two votes is required.

On the motion to reconsider, the same vote will be required so that the seventy-two votes is required on each motion.

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises, first, on the motion to suspend all interfering rules so as to permit immediate consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote by which section 6.17 failed of adoption.

A vote Aye is a vote to suspend the rules, a vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 89 votes in the affirmative and 33 in the negative, the interfering rules are suspended.

THE PRESIDENT: The question now arises on the motion to reconsider the vote by which section 6.17 failed of adoption. Is there any discussion? This motion is debatable.

Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: I want to argue on the motion to reconsider.

THE PRESIDENT: You may proceed.

DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. President and members of the Convention: You may not consider that this is a particularly important vote, but I tell you that it is very conceivable that the adoption of the Constitution is at stake, there are many people in the State of Maryland who do not want to see Maryland plunged into a gambling fiesta or a future in which Maryland will become an eastern Las Vegas. This is definitely in the offing. In the last session I believe a lottery bill passed the House of Delegates. Pressures on the General Assembly are enormous. Since I have been in the General Assembly each session we have to resist the pressure of gambling and gamblers.

There are many people in this State who will oppose this Constitution if they feel that gambling will be licensed by the State, by the local government, and that the good name of Maryland will be ruined. We have gone through one battle trying to get rid of slot machines. You do not know what it is like in the General Assembly to have these people on your necks all the time,