THE CHAIRMAN: Just a second, Delegate Fox. The Clerk will change the number to Amendment No. 6 and will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 6 to Committee Recommendation GP-1, by Delegates Cardin, Case, Grumbacher, Fox, Carson, Gullett, Hanson and Hardwicke: in line 10 on page 1 of Committee Recommendation GP-1, after the word "Chief," insert a period and strike out the remainder of the section.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Fox to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE FOX: Mr. Chairman, I think the debate we have had is indicative of the fact that we are getting bogged down in unnecessary detail. I invite the attention of the Committee of the whole to the language of the federal Constitution, which takes far fewer words to deal with the establishment of an Army and Navy and the authority of the commander-in-chief, the President of the United States as commander-in-chief over them, than does this committee recommendation. I suggest that if the Constitution merely said that the General Assembly may provide by law for a militia and the governor shall be its commander-in-chief, that that adequately covers the situation and leaves the officers and all that sort of thing up to the General Assembly.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: I wonder if the delegate would yield for a question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Fox, do you yield for a question?

DELEGATE FOX: Certainly.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Is the delegate under any apprehension that perhaps the General Assembly would not provide for a militia since the word is "may" rather than "shall"?

DELEGATE FOX: Quite frankly, I am not concerned whether they do or do not.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Frankly, I will vote against it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? The Chair recognizes Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. Chairman, members of this Convention, it does appear that we are bogged down some but I wonder, and I do not mean this to be insulting, if we are not sitting somewhat in an ivory tower attempting to anticipate certain things. We debated whether or not the governor should not have certain specific guidelines on things that are probably on the verge of happening.

We are already in a time of revolution. The revolution is here while we are sitting here talking. If we do empower a governor to have unlimited powers of discretion, perhaps he should call somebody out now because I do not know where it is going to fall next. I hope we will take seriously what happened in America today, and deal with the actual issues because the revolution is here. I do not know where it is going to break out next.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, I voted for the inclusion of the word "shall" originally but that amendment lost. I feel very strongly that there ought to be a militia and national guard in this State. However, regardless of whether the word "shall" or "may" is used, and the Convention has now decided, sitting as Committee of the Whole, that the word "may" shall prevail, I think it is necessary to examine what other provisions should be included.

I suggest that anything further than the first two sentences as now suggested are surplusage, legislative in nature, and really a restriction upon the establishment and the various functions of the national guard or militia I, therefore, support strongly the amendment which has been proposed by several delegates here.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Schneider.

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: Mr. Chairman, generally there is no good reason for putting a provision in the Constitution which says the General Assembly may do something unless by its omission there would be an inference that they might not do it. That I do not think would be the case here.

However, we do have certain restrictions on the power of the General Assembly and on the militia once it is established. I think