

here and report back to each other. It seems to me that perhaps Maryland's national guard and militia are like that, and until I could feel certain that they are not and that the Maryland national guard is always part of the militia, full time all-year-round while they are in the Maryland national guard, I would be afraid to vote for the proposal or the recommendation of the Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. Chairman, we have spent several hours on debate and are nearing the completion of the first Committee Recommendation. As far as the Committee on Calendar and Agenda is concerned, we would hope that we could conclude this consideration this afternoon and go on with other things as the Convention progresses. I hope the motion will fail and that we can dispose of the remaining amendments to the Recommendation.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would be happy to withdraw my motion, since I, too, would like to act on it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does the seconder agree to withdrawal of the motion to rise?

Delegate Schneider, do you agree to withdraw?

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I will withdraw amendment—whatever the number of my amendment is.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a second.

The motion that the Committee of the Whole rise and report has been withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

The Chair now recognizes Delegate Schneider to move to withdraw Amendment No. 10.

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: I will withdraw at this time Amendment No. 10. If the Convention feels fairly certain that it understands what the militia is and believes it is protected here, I would be very happy to withdraw the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does the seconder join in withdrawal?

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: I withdraw my second, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: For what purpose does Delegate Weidemeyer rise?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: To suggest to Delegate Schneider that probably all his fears could be allayed by asking the Convention to instruct the General Provisions Committee in writing up carryover provisions of our present Articles of the Code to define what the militia is.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further amendments?

*(There was no response.)*

The question before the Committee of the Whole is the Committee Recommendation GP-1 as amended. Is there any discussion?

Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: I would like to speak against it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me state the question. The question arises on the approval of Committee Recommendation GP-1 by the Committee of the Whole, approval of the recommendation as amended.

The Chair now recognizes Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Mr. Chairman, I believe that the debate on this subject has demonstrated that it is more in the nature of statutory matter. The testimony of the Chairman of the Committee indicated that if this Convention agreed, the legislature could in fact do this by statute. I believe that GP-1 is not the timeliest kind of concept which is going to survive in all of the detailed language set forth therein over the period of two or three generations. I suspect that this is the kind of provision that is going to be back before the voters and people of Maryland on Constitutional amendments from time to time.

As members of the Constitutional Convention we have sought to avoid this. In other words, in meeting here we are seeking to get rid of statutory details. We are seeking to prevent the continued submission of language to people of the State of Maryland. Since the Legislature can adequately cope with the problem of the militia by statute it seems to me this is not of Constitutional stature or place or dignity. I urge that it be omitted altogether from this Constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*