

undue hardship to those City delegates who not only need to vote, but also to gather voters to the polls, and things of this nature, which a citizen ought to do. My relatives, for example, gather at the polls.

THE PRESIDENT: I would suggest that your proper course is to move an amendment that the Convention adjourn until whatever hour you designate on whatever date you designate instead of 10:00 A.M. tomorrow.

DELEGATE VECERA: I therefore move that the Convention adjourn until after the election, if you want to meet tomorrow, or until the following day.

THE PRESIDENT: We cannot do it on an "or". Will you make your motion one way or another?

DELEGATE VECERA: I would move that the Convention not convene tomorrow, rather it convene on Wednesday, the following day.

THE PRESIDENT: At what time?

DELEGATE VECERA: 10:00 A.M.

THE PRESIDENT: The motion is that the motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10:00 A.M. be amended, to mean a motion to adjourn until 10:00 A.M. Wednesday morning. Is there a second?

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: The motion is seconded. Delegate Armor?

DELEGATE ARMOR: Mr. President, I oppose this amendment. A hundred years ago when the present Constitution was written, travel between Baltimore and Annapolis involved a physical problem as well as an actual problem. I plan to vote in Baltimore in the morning, and I will be here for all the sessions, and I think that each of us should try to arrange our schedule accordingly.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gleason?

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. President, I do not have any brief for elections in Baltimore, coming from Montgomery County, but I am concerned about another development that catches up with us here today. You will recall about a month ago we had a discussion on the floor with respect to a proposed change in the Rules to allow adequate time for minority reports to come before this body before a majority report would be considered. Tomorrow, as the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda has announced, we will be

taking up a very substantive part of the legislative article of this new constitution, which deals with such things as the bicameral-unicameral issue, the size of the legislature, the qualifications of people running for the legislature, salary compensation and other matters, and yet here we are tonight without the minority reports dealing with those subjects. I do not know how we can reconcile this, but I remember the Chairman of the Rules Committee at that time — unfortunately he is not here today — I remember his saying that if such printing difficulties did occur at the time, that it would be up to the President to postpone or we could take such other action to make sure that all the delegates had the minority reports in front of them before we took up these weighty questions. I do think, it is about time we start to temper our urgency to meet a schedule with consideration to what kind of product we are going to produce, and I think we can act too hastily, and at least the delegates ought to have the minority reports in front of them, at least a day in advance, before we take up these substantive matters.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

(There was no response.)

Before we vote on the adjournment, the Chair would ask the Chairman of Calendar and Agenda — I am sorry.

DELEGATE GRANT: Mr. President, I was on the Rules Committee at the time this was discussed, and if you recall, Motion No. 2 was for a five to six day delay in the submission of reports. At that time, the Motion No. 2 was recommended unfavorably by the Committee, and the Committee recommendation specifically said, if for any reason a minority report had been unduly delayed because of printing difficulties, the minority spokesman could move, as permitted by Rule 28 [29]* of the Convention; that consideration of the majority report be postponed, and made a special order of business on the day after the minority report had been made available to all the delegates.

I do not think it would be fair to the delegates here, after having recommended to them that we defeat Motion No. 2, to turn around and do the exact thing which we promised would not be done. There are

*The number in brackets refers to the final number assigned to the rule in the Rules of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland.