

no less than six minority reports coming in. I would like to find out what the unicameral people have to say, even though I have almost made up my own mind. I am very concerned with the three succeeding minority reports which concern a number of members of the Legislature.

I would hate to see our effort down here split asunder on a question of representation in the Legislature. I think it is much more important that we get the Constitution passed on May 14 than that we get it completed on December 12.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to comment with respect to the statement just made, that the present difficulty in having the minority reports is not difficulty in the print shop, because the minority reports were not available until this afternoon, a very short time ago. In addition, the minority reports will be available for all delegates this evening. Delegate Borom?

DELEGATE BOROM: Mr. Chairman, I think we want to be careful in considering the question or the issue on the floor. I would hate for the delegates to vote in favor of Delegate Vecera's motion and vote based on the arguments presented in reference to minority reports. I think we ought to divide the question and decide as a body whether we want the Baltimore City delegates to be off tomorrow, in order to electioneer or for whatever purposes you may want to pursue.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Vecera?

DELEGATE VECERA: Mr. President, in response to Delegate Borom's suggestion, I do not think the issue should be divided. I think it is all pertinent in that tomorrow is an election day in Baltimore City; also that the Committee of the Whole will be meeting on a very important significant matter for the legislature; and I think the question is all one, it should not be divided. It is for that matter that I arose in the beginning. I think it is so important a matter to be discussed that I would hate to miss even one minute of it.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Chabot?

DELEGATE CHABOT: Mr. President, there are many times when people end up voting the same way on an issue for a variety of reasons. I think two reasons have been presented here for voting Aye to Delegate Vecera's motion, and I would hate to have the motion defeated simply because the people who consider one more important

are reluctant to favor the proposal because another reason has been advanced for it. I for one, subscribe completely to the reasons that were given by Delegate Gleason for voting in favor of Delegate Vecera's motion. I think we have had far too much haste, and I think this is an appropriate time to call at least a little bit of a halt and give us a chance to examine things. I suggest that frequently you will find the reason for the delay in the preparation of the minority reports is primarily because the minority members of the committee recognizing their responsibility to the report as a whole have worked with the chairman of the committee in the preparation of the majority reports, and have had to defer their efforts on the particular points from which they dissented until after the work had been done on the preparation of the majority reports.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gleason?

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. President, let me say with respect to the latter comment and your comment on the preparation of these minority reports, I do not know of any group on any of the six minority reports on the legislative branch that has been dilatory and not working with the great degree of haste and urgency that the situation requires in preparing these reports. We do have a very practical problem and that is that the committee staff has first of all to take care of the majority report, but we only were able to sign off on our minority report as of 2 o'clock this afternoon. Let me say that after the vote is had on the pending motion, I will move under Rule 20A [21]\* to postpone consideration of the recommendations of the Legislative Branch Committee until the day after tomorrow.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gleason, if the present motion carries, you would not have an opportunity to make such a motion, because we would have adjourned. It could be made tomorrow morning, of course, if the motion to amend fails, and we do convene tomorrow morning.

Before you make any other motion, may I call on Delegate Powers as Chairman of the Committee on Calendar to advise the delegates of the situation of the Calendar and the effect on the Calendar of either a deferral of consideration of Committee Recommendation LB-1 until another day, or adjournment of the Convention to another day?

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, in answer to the question, I would say that