

THE CHAIRMAN: I might state that all matters pertaining to the budget have been referred to the Committee on State Finance and Taxation. It has not yet filed its report on that subject.

DELEGATE DORSEY: In the old Constitution, the legislature was specifically prohibited—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dorsey, this period is only for questions—

DELEGATE DORSEY: I am trying to ask him a question.

THE CHAIRMAN:—with respect to these sections of the report.

DELEGATE DORSEY: As this Report stands, there is nothing to prohibit the legislature from increasing any item it wanted in the budget; isn't that correct?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: May I say to the Delegate that this is not the complete report of our committee. This is the principal structure report. I might also say that in the present Constitution, there are 61 sections that pertain to article 3, and in the preparation of the new draft, a great deal of this material falls in the province of other committees.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Do you know if there will be any other report from a committee that will prohibit the state from lending the full faith and credit of the State to public authorities?

THE CHAIRMAN: I will refer that question to Delegate Sherbow, Chairman of the Committee on State Finance and Taxation, since that committee has that matter.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Delegate Dorsey, each of the points that you have raised will be covered by the Report of the Committee on State Finance and Taxation, and covered fully and completely.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE MASON: Mr. Chairman, on page 8 of your Memorandum, it reads as follows:

"The Committee has tentatively agreed that the 35-105 membership limitation and the single-member district shall not be applied to the present General Assembly. The Committee intends for these changes to be applied to the first legislature elected following the 1970 reapportionment."

My question is, when will this become operative?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: If there is no change in the schedule of state-wide elections, the next election for the General Assembly will occur in 1970.

At that time, however, on the basis of information which we have, there will not be in our hands sufficient data from the Federal Census Bureau to apportion or reapportion the General Assembly, based on the 1970 figures. Therefore, presuming no change in the elections scheduled, the first General Assembly that this limitation can apply to will be the General Assembly elected in 1974.

DELEGATE MASON: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Delegate Case?

DELEGATE CASE: Mr. Chairman, on the first page of your memorandum supporting section 3.01, you give some statistics showing the number of bills that were either amended or defeated in one House after having passed the other. I am wondering whether you could tell us what percentage of these bills were local bills and what percentage were general legislation.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Yes.

If you will look in the Minority Report, LB-1, you will find that it has given you the precise percentages.

THE CHAIRMAN: LB-1(A)?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: LB-1(A), Mr. Chairman. Page 6.

DELEGATE CASE: One further question, Mr. Chairman.

On page 9 of your report, there is a breakdown between the Senate and House showing how the proposed plan of the committee would work. Am I correct so far in interpreting that chart?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Worcester County under the Senate should not read one-half; it should read one-fifth.

DELEGATE CASE: I wonder if you would explain to me, because this mystifies me a little bit, just precisely how this would work.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Well, of course, the constitution does not seek to do the redistricting. All we have done in this