they could authorize additional payments as salary, since the other provision on salary prohibits an increase in salary being applicable to that General Assembly.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I think Delegate Byrnes was addressing himself to a per diem expense beyond the 90th day.

DELEGATE BYRNES: Delegate Bamberger clarified my question properly. I am referring to the salary. I was referring directly to your point, that you barred the per diem because of the enticement effect, and you clarified by saying it was not the exclusive reason, but then the thought dawned on me that of course he could suggest an additional thousand dollar salary for the additional 30 days, and then another thousand dollars for another 30 days. I am not condemning this; I think it may well be of merit.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: They may not do that under the prohibition that no salary increase can take effect for that General Assembly.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Chairman, in section 3.12 it is indicated that the presiding officer of the House of Delegates and the presiding officer of the Senate may convene a session.

Would you tell me, is there any precedent for that elsewhere?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: To my knowledge, Delegate Bennett, there is no precedent elsewhere for that particular practice.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I do believe, however, it is part of the recommendations made by the Eagleton Institute.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions? If not, thank you very much, Delegate Gallagher.

We will proceed to a consideration section-by-section, the first section for consideration being section 3.02.

Before opening it to amendment, the Chair calls on Delegate Hanson, as the speaker of the minority, to present the minority report of LB-1. While Delegate Hanson is coming forward to the reading desk, the Chair would like to call to the attention of the Committee of the Whole that we are honored today to have in the gallery Speaker Pro Tem Homer White, of the House of Delegates, Delegate Lipin of Anne Arundel County, and Senator Blair Lee. We are delighted to have them here.

Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, I have the honor to present the Minority Report which argues that instead of having a bicameral General Assembly as proposed by the Committee, that we adopt a unicameral General Assembly.

Members of the minority are in agreement with the other principles which were enunciated by the Chairman: that there should be single member districts, that the size of the General Assembly should be reduced, that the General Assembly should be given more discretion in the determination of the length of the session, and that it should establish by law its own salary.

We believe that all of these reforms can be accomplished, and that in addition, a more effective and strengthened General Assembly can be established if it is composed of only one house.

It is the position of the minority that the tradition of having a bicameral General Assembly is rooted primarily in mistrust of the legislature, and that contrary to that distrust, we should establish a strong legislative branch and assume that it will be responsible, and that in fact, we should organize it in such a way that its responsibility would be enhanced.

We will be prepared to offer further amendments if our substitute for section 3.01 is adopted to establish a one house legislature, and to establish that one house at 100 members.

The arguments in favor of unicameralism are contained in our report, as are the analyses of the presentation of the Committee. I should like to explain and review those arguments very briefly.

First of all, we believe that unicameralism would strengthen the legislative branch of the State government. Unicameral bodies, we believe, would permit more effective relationships between the executive and the legislative branches, by permitting a unification of the legislative leadership.

If this Convention strengthens the executive branch and unifies it, if it strengthens