

Amendment No. 2 to Committee Recommendation LB-1.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 2. A vote No is a vote against. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Noes have it.

Are there any further amendments to section 3.01?

*(There was no response.)*

If not, we will proceed to a consideration of section 3.04; as to section 3.04, there is a Minority Report LB-1(B). For what purpose does Delegate Gallagher arise?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: A point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman. Have we in fact adopted 3.01 or do you plan to take that up at the end?

THE CHAIRMAN: Under the procedure provided in the Rules, we will not vote on each section. We go through the entire recommendation, section by section seriatim, for the purpose of amendments. After we have concluded consideration all the way through, then the entire Committee Recommendation as amended will be before you.

Minority Report LB-1(B), the Minority Spokesman is Delegate Clark. He may come forward to the Reading Clerk's desk to present the Minority Report. Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I move that section 3.04 be divided. I should like the two matters within section 3.04 to be divided. That is to say—

THE CHAIRMAN: We are not doing anything at the moment except considering amendments. When we have the amendment before us, we can determine whether the amendment need be divided.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Right, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clark, do you desire to come forward?

I should have said Delegate James Clark.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: I am going to yield fifteen minutes of the controlled time, by agreement with the Chairman of the Committee to a member of this Convention who I think is best qualified to speak on this subject, Delegate James of Harford County.

THE CHAIRMAN: The difficulty, Delegate Clark, with your yielding is that the debate schedule gives you only ten minutes. Do you propose to yield ten minutes?

DELEGATE JAMES: I spoke with the Chairman of the Committee. He had ten minutes and he agreed that we could use five minutes of his ten minutes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher is going to yield five minutes of his time.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Yes.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: It is agreeable with the Chairman of the Committee, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James, come forward.

DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman—

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me ask this, Delegate James: I take it that your present intention is merely to present the committee report and if so, this will not be charged against your time. You are not debating the issue at this point?

DELEGATE JAMES: I am using Committee time, the minority time, that is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just for presentation of the report. After the report is presented, there will be an opportunity for questions, after which Delegate James will resume his seat for the debate. This time is not charged against Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee of the Whole: the Minority Report LB-1(A) is designed to seek a reorganization of the General Assembly of Maryland by permitting an 80-member House and a 40-member Senate.

I would like to begin my presentation by telling you that I have served for two terms or eight years in the old Senate, consisting of 29 members.

That Senate was divided into two major committees, a 15-member Senate Finance Committee and a 14-member Judicial Committee.

All of the important work of the Senate was handled through these two committees, with certain minor exceptions.

There was a multiplicity of small committees, but these only met on Thursday afternoons.

The defeats of this organization were rather apparent to me during that period. The major committees were overloaded. The remaining committees were inefficient in that they lacked time for meeting, and an interlocking membership made the attendance difficult.