THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, you have a little less than a minute.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, it will not take that long, but I am rather enjoying this Convention now. I feel pretty good, thank you, sir, and I suppose there is nothing wrong with having a little laugh here and now. This doesn't hurt anything in the world.

But on the serious note, remember what I said, we who represent the agricultural area I stand here before you, sir, and I know that you raise a few sheep, but, Mr. President, the laughter was on your time.

(Applause.)

Now, Mr. President, wouldn't you think it is a good time for me to sit down?

THE CHAIRMAN: I would say it is an opportune time.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment?

DELEGATE MILLER: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Miller.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Mr. President I have enjoyed the comments of the previous speaker as much as anyone, but I would say to you, sir, they are not particularly germane. The issue before us and the amendment before us is whether or not the size of the legislature is a constitutional question or whether it is a legislative question.

In the Legislative Branch Committee we decided that it was a constitutional question, that it was the responsibility of this body to set the framework by which legislative questions could be settled.

Now, whether or not certain people are represented or whether or not certain areas are represented is contained in what we do on the question, but it is not the question under discussion now.

The question under discussion now is whether or not we perform our duties as we were sent here to do, or whether we attempt to pass this on to other people.

I will give you, sir, that some of the members of this assembly are a little bit afraid to face the issue because the issue is a serious one, and because it is a difficult one, but I give you, sir, that if we do that, we will sacrifice on the altar of expediency. We will go home and this constitution will be passed, but we will have not decided what needs to be decided in this Convention, and we will not be ready to face the future with the things the State of Maryland needs to face the problems that are before us.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bard, do you desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

DELEGATE BARD: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Bard.

DELEGATE BARD: Mr. Chairman, I think it needs to be said here that there is a bounty of controversy within this question that is not related to the size of the legislature. I for one voted for 40-80 size, and believe strongly in the small legislative body. Nor within this controversy is everything centered about the whole debate as to whether the small counties or the large counties shall all be represented in the legislature.

I for one happen to believe that it would be impossible to have all these small counties represented. There is an area of discussion of which we have lost sight. Mr. Gleason mentioned it so well earlier. That is, that the whole debate in respect to one-man/one-vote has not yet been solved, and those of us who served on the Commission and spent two years on this question in the main determined the response that you find in the Commission Report on this one issue.

It would be wrong to divide those who vote for this amendment or against it in terms of larger or smaller counties, or being for or against, let us say, the small counties or the larger counties, or being for sheep farmers or wheat farmers.

That is not a debate at all. As we actually saw it, the debate was, better you should settle an issue that itself has not yet been settled, and this is why the Commission voted in terms of a delay on this question, believing that the legislature would have more time to settle it. This is why I shall vote for the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate James Clark to speak in opposition to the amendment.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Convention:

This issue before us is a most serious matter, and I suppose as a member of the