

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion?

Delegate Sosnowski.

DELEGATE SOSNOWSKI: Mr. President, on behalf of the nine counties who may now and forever lose their voice in the Maryland State Assembly, I would like to go along with the eight minutes.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

Are you ready for the question?

(Call for the question.)

The question arises on the motion to amend the debate schedule to allow an additional four minutes of controlled debate to Delegate Gleason and an additional four minutes of controlled debate to Delegate Gallagher.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye; contrary, No.

The Chair is in doubt. Roll call vote. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of amending the debate schedule to allow an additional four minutes of debate to the proponents and opponents. A vote No is a vote against.

Have all the delegates voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

(There was no response.)

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 95 votes in the affirmative and 34 in the negative, the motion carries. The debate schedule is amended.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the Convention resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of resuming consideration of the order of the day.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

DELEGATE POWERS: Under the amended debate limit.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

(Whereupon, at 3:32 P.M., the Convention resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.)

(The mace was removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NOVEMBER 8, 1967—3:32 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE CHAIRMAN: The Committee of the Whole will please come to order.

For what purpose does Delegate Mentzer arise?

DELEGATE MENTZER: Personal privilege.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the privilege.

DELEGATE MENTZER: The teachers from Prince George's County have gone home. They were here to see our debate on the composition of the legislature. I know the legislator from the first district of Prince George's and his wife, Delegate Delegate Arthur Dorman and his wife, are here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, I apologize to the members of the Committee of the Whole for having to take any more time than is necessary to discuss this issue, and as I am sure everyone agrees, this is a vitally important issue to this Convention, and to the members of the larger as well as the smaller counties.

We are dealing here with the sovereignty of the people of the State of Maryland. The question really is how shall that sovereignty be exercised with respect to one branch of the government, the State legislature?

Not too many years ago there was an English historian of some note, a political scientist, if you will, a man of great distinction, great intellect, by the name of John Stuart Mills. Mr. Mills wrote several essays on the question of representative government. At that time, in England, the House of Commons was composed of men selected from clubs in London and elsewhere, and he was campaigning for a representation for the minorities. His motto was that there would be and there could be, and there was, in fact, in the legislature in London and in England itself a tyranny in the majority.

We are not arguing here today. The minority report does not argue the case for one vote per county, but it is arguing against this Convention putting in the Constitution itself, if it decides to try, after