

Does anyone desire to submit any further amendment to section 3.04? Is there any further amendment to section 3.04?

Delegate Kirkland?

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

After having—

THE CHAIRMAN: Send your amendment to the desk, please.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Yes, sir, if I may have a page. The balance of them are in the conference room.

I am still not convinced—

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a second. The Clerk will read the amendment and it will be marked Amendment No. 6.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 6 to Committee Recommendation LB-1 by Delegate Kirkland: On page 1 line 24 of Committee Recommendation LB-1, strike out the words "one hundred five" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one hundred forty-two"; on page 2 lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "be one-third the number of delegates" and insert in lieu thereof the words "not exceed forty-three"; and on page 2 line 4, strike out the words "Each senate" and strike out all of lines 55 and 6.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kirkland, may I paraphrase the amendment as I understand it, just to be sure that I do understand it? The section as amended would then read "Number of members of each house in the legislature shall be as prescribed by law but the number of delegates shall not exceed 142 and the number of senators shall not exceed 43, each delegate shall represent one delegate district and each senator shall represent one senate district." Would that be the section as amended?

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to the amendment?

*(Whereupon, the amendment was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Kirkland to speak in favor of Amendment No. 6.

Delegate Sherbow?

DELEGATE SHERBOW: May I again suggest that we follow the rule and eliminate that portion dealing with the method

of selection as we have been doing all day, or we will never get straightened out.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not think that will be necessary here because the amendment is simply an amendment to the section and would leave before you the committee recommendation. There is no change by this amendment in the language to which you refer. There would still be an opportunity for you to discuss that question.

Delegate Kirkland.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Mr. President, I am still not sure that this representative body is ready to give up the fact that we can fix this figure at the present figure of the House and Senate. We have heard a lot of plaudits about this past legislative session, and it indicates to me that this present body is a workable one. I am sure that it can continue to work and be just as effective as it has in the past.

I would like to see this as a compromise to the figures of 105 and 35.

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

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee:

This amendment seeks to perpetuate the status quo. The status quo was arrived at in fits and patches, as a result of the reapportionment decision involving the Maryland Representation Committee. I think it has been abundantly made clear by the testimony which we have had before us that the status quo is not satisfactory.

Admittedly the reapportioned General Assembly did an excellent job during the 1967 meeting, but it is quite evident that this reapportioned legislature can do an even more effective job with a smaller number.

I resubmit that the figures of 35 and 105 are the ideal, and therefore, Mr. Chairman, I would oppose this amendment because if we come down here and do nothing more than raise our rubber stamps and say Yea for what already exists, we certainly have not shown much imagination or ingenuity or initiative.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does anybody else desire to speak in favor of the amendment?