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DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I just want to speak. I do not know whether I am for or against.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have to first give the opportunity to a delegate wishing to speak in opposition to the amendment.

DELEGATE MALKUS: I ask for the opportunity to ask a question of some concern to me before we dispose of the alternates.

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

Delegate Kahl.

DELEGATE KAHL: Mr. President, fellow members of the Convention, I just want to tell you that I heard too many delegates say they have come here to vote their own conscience. I would also like to remind you that we were elected by the people of the State of Maryland to represent them. I do not think we should think about our own self interest. I think we should be down here representing the entire State of Maryland, and that includes the rural areas. I would like to vote for the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment? Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment? Delegate Kirkland.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Mr. President, I would like to once again remind this body that Delegate Gallagher said there was no magic to the figures of 105 and 35. He also said perhaps other numbers could be suggested and might be better. I would suggest that 142 and 43 is that figure.

THE CHAIRMAN: The question now arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 66. Committee Recommendation LB-1. Does Delegate Malkus' question pertain to this amendment?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I think my question is germane to the entire subject matter.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the question.

DELEGATE MALKUS: If we adopt this amendment, the 105 and 35, will it not be in effect for the next election?

THE CHAIRMAN: I cannot answer that

question because it depends upon the schedule of transitional provisions and the effective dates which this Convention puts in the constitution.

DELEGATE MALKUS: You have stated then, sir, that whatever we do could be delayed for any period of time?

THE CHAIRMAN: I would assume but do not know that this Convention would adopt in the schedule of transitional provisions a provision that would provide that all persons presently holding elected offices would retain the offices until the end of their elected terms.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Talking about the 1970 election.

THE CHAIRMAN: My answer to you is that this Convention may provide that this section would be applicable to that election. I do not know whether it will.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Has the leadership of this Convention taken into consideration the possibility of asking the federal government to have an earlier census so we will not have to fight thing thing out twice in two or three years? I understand it is possible for the federal government to have an early census. If I am right or wrong, I do not know.

THE CHAIRMAN: The answer to your question, I believe, was given by Delegate Gallagher in his presentation of the Committee Report. I think he said the matter had been considered and was still under consideration by his Committee; is that correct?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: That is correct. The cost is 25 cents per person. We know there is a million dollars involved. We are looking for other ways to make the decision of the constitution applicable to 1970. If we want to find that way, it may well be that the 35-105 figure will be applied to the 1960 census figure which Judge Henderson suggested it could be or it may await 1974. That is something that the Committee has yet to work out because of the problems involved in determining when the information will be available or what other information will be satisfactory to act upon.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, do you have a further question?

DELEGATE MALKUS: No, Mr. President, but the cost will end up being the same because just as soon as we are elected under the old census figures, Dele-