

it is the most socially creative thing we can do.

Thank you.

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

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: I rise to a point of personal privilege.

Today is the birthday of Mrs. Edward J. Clarke, who is seated in the gallery at the rear of this chamber. Mrs. Clarke is the lovely wife of Delegate E. J. Clarke of Montgomery County, on whose right I sit. I cannot vote with him, but I can certainly join him in extending congratulations.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: In view of that slight break, may the Chair take the liberty of calling—

DELEGATE BLAIR: Mr. Chairman, I would like to rise also on a point of personal privilege to announce that today is the birthday of a fine football coach who happens to be a delegate here right now. He indicated to me the last score he counted was 120 to—well, he forgot the other number: Art Kirkland.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: There is no limitation on this period of debate. The Chair desires to call to the attention of the Committee of the Whole that we have now been engaged for nearly an hour and a half in this debate. There have been eight speakers on each side.

Are there any further speakers in favor of the amendment to the amendment?

Delegate Bard.

DELEGATE BARD: I merely wanted to rise to a point of personal privilege and say that at this very moment we are dedicating the Governor Lane Bay Bridge, and so many of us who had the privilege of working with Governor Lane, and I am sure there are other people here who could say this far better than I. I know, for example, that Mr. Bushong could say this better than I, thought we ought to recognize that many of us would like to be there, having known the contributions that he

made in bringing this very Convention into being and working on the Commission.

Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

*(Applause.)*

The Chair would like, in order to close the debate in an orderly manner, to recognize as the final speaker in favor Delegate Bamberger, and the final speaker in opposition Delegate Sherbow, if he desires to speak.

Are there any other delegates other than those, first, to speak in favor?

Delegate Hickman.

DELEGATE HICKMAN: Mr. Chairman, I rise, and I do not know whether I am speaking in favor or against, but I would like a clarification. Is it correct to assume that if the amendment to the amendment passes that a further amendment will be offered for fractional voting?

THE CHAIRMAN: If the amendment to the amendment passes, it is my understanding that Delegate James Clark, who has the floor, does desire to present his amendment for fractional voting. If the amendment for 36-108 does not pass and the amendment 40-120 passes, it is my understanding that Delegate Clark does not desire to submit an amendment.

DELEGATE HICKMAN: Mr. Chairman, in that event, I would like to speak in favor of the amendment to the amendment.

I think I have also done a little arithmetic, and I find that only one county would be aided in changing from 108 to 120 delegates.

I think all the rural counties can ask of this body is fair representation. It matters naught to me whether I come down here as I now do with one vote out of 142, or whether I come down with a half a vote and 108. The ratio is almost the same. But I do submit to this body that it is not the weight of the vote of the person from the rural county that counts. It is the fact that a person is here to express the voice of the people from the rural county.

I know that if we have one delegate from two counties, that delegate will, to the best of his ability, represent the peoples of the two counties, but I submit to you that if he comes from Kent County and he is representing Kent and Queen Annes Counties,