

right that can be averaged out with those of other citizens. It is the right of each single individual citizen to be represented equally in his legislature.

Under this proposal, again, it is being done with mirrors. It doesn't do what it purports to do. It, in fact, relegates the citizens who live in small counties to an inferior status in the State of Maryland, by allowing them to vote only for a delegate who would cast only a part of a vote, rather than as every other citizen of Maryland, voting for a delegate who could cast a full vote.

No one can predict what a court would decide on this question, but it seems to me at the very best that it is of highly questionable constitutionality.

The amendment wreaks havoc also with other things that we have attempted to achieve. This body has agreed that the House and the Senate should be larger than the Committee of the Whole. This is the decision of the body, and I am willing to accept the decision of the body, but the body has also kept the 3 to 1 ratio between House and Senate, and this proposal makes most difficult the maintenance of that ratio in the Constitution.

With everything that I can, I sincerely urge the Committee of the Whole to reject the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair does not desire to prolong the discussion to interfere with the lunch hour, but if we are within a few minutes of a vote, I would like to take a vote. I would like, therefore, to inquire now what other delegates desire to speak on the question. If you will just stand, I can decide what to do. The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I move the Committee of the Whole rise and report that we have not yet concluded our consideration of the Committee Recommendation LB-1, but we report progress.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

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

(Whereupon, at 12:35 P.M. the Committee of the Whole rose, and the Convention reconvened.)

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

PLENARY SESSION

NOVEMBER 9, 1967—12:35 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: On behalf of the Committee of the Whole the Chair desires to report that the Convention has under consideration Committee Recommendation LB-1 and desires to sit again.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Soul.

DELEGATE SOUL: I would like to report my presence.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Soul, would you please repeat, sir?

DELEGATE SOUL: I would like to report my presence.

THE PRESIDENT: Do any other delegates present now who were not present at roll call desire to record their presence? Delegate Mitchell?

DELEGATE MITCHELL: I would like to record my presence.

THE PRESIDENT: Say it again, please.

DELEGATE MITCHELL: I would like to record my presence.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Macdonald.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Mr. President, I would like to record my presence.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Barrick.

DELEGATE BARRICK: I would like to report my presence, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I should like to report my presence, and lack of effectiveness.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Pascal.

DELEGATE PASCAL: I would like to report my presence.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Hodge Smith?

DELEGATE J. H. SMITH: I would like to report my presence.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Singer.

DELEGATE SINGER: I would like to record my presence.

THE PRESIDENT: Do any other dele-