

I would like to throw out here. I do not know how far the delegates are planning to go with the fractional voting, but it seems we are trying to equate here an objective way of deciding delegates by population figures, with a subjective way, the interest of a particular area. I would like simply to say that I represent an area that is distinctly cut into four areas of interest, and if we are going to consider giving the county on the Eastern Shore, which certainly has a more singular interest than the Second District of Baltimore City, then, too, I would like to be considered in fractional voting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to debate the question?

Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: Mr. Chairman, I would like Delegate Gallagher to answer a question, if he will.

THE CHAIRMAN: Will Delegate Gallagher yield?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I will.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: If this proposal is adopted and the lowest denomination of figures succeeds, would a larger county have the privilege of dividing its delegates in that average, or in what denomination?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I do not think so. What I think you would do is take the 29, or pardon me, the number of subdivisions. You would take the 120, divide it into the population of the State, determine what the median is, then compare each county's population against the median figure. If it did not equal one, you would then determine what percentage of the median population it did equal and assign that percentage, some agreed-upon point, to the delegate represented by the county. If it were more than one the county would have its full delegate plus a delegate who had a percentage vote, if it were completely surrounded by counties that did not have a full vote. If it were not so surrounded, it then seems to me that it could be added to a county which also had one, two, or a fraction.

I would say you would have an entertaining time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: Yes.

Suppose I give you an example: if one county is entitled to five whole votes, is it

then in a position to say that it will send ten men here with half a vote each?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: No. You must take one delegate, as I understand it, for every one of your basis of representation. You can only deal with a fraction after you have exhausted every integer, or whatever term you want to use for one.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair would like also to announce that we are favored to have in the gallery today Senator and Mrs. Goodloe Byron of Frederick County. Delighted to have you.

*(Applause.)*

Does anyone else desire to debate or ask questions?

Delegate Beall.

DELEGATE BEALL: I just want to announce my presence here this afternoon.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, sir.

Before putting the question —

Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: I would like to announce my presence.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sybert.

DELEGATE SYBERT: Mr. Chairman, I would like to record my presence.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate not present at roll call desire to record his presence?

Delegate Willoner.

DELEGATE WILLONER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to record my presence.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: I would like to record my presence.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: I would like to record my presence.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Frank Robey.

DELEGATE ROBEY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to record my presence also.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Groh.

DELEGATE GROH: I would like to record my presence.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any others?