

think it has the virtues of single member districts, both in the House and Senate.

Thank you, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bard, I will recognize you to ask a question of Delegate Lord if he will yield for a question.

DELEGATE BARD: Delegate Lord, will you yield for a question?

DELEGATE LORD: Certainly.

DELEGATE BARD: Mr. Lord, would your proposal permit the slot method where multiple member districts of three exist?

DELEGATE LORD: It probably will permit it if adopted by the legislature. I do not think that I can say that I am in favor of the slot method, but I do not think it enters the discussion here at all. This proposal would certainly permit it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak further in favor of the amendment?

DELEGATE BUSHONG: I would like to ask a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you yield?

DELEGATE LORD: Yes, sir.

DELEGATE BUSHONG: Delegate Lord, why do you want to do this? Why should the people not have a member from each delegate district if they want to?

DELEGATE LORD: If the people want to? Are you saying that by adopting this Constitution the people have clearly indicated that they want single member districts?

DELEGATE BUSHONG: I am not saying that, because there is nothing in our Report that requires residence in that district. But why do you want to sew it up?

DELEGATE LORD: Without repeating many of my arguments, I do not see why the Commission that Delegate Gallagher speaks of should have the right to determine what is in the best interests of each subdivision. In some cases, this might be single member districts, sometimes it might be two member districts, and sometimes three.

DELEGATE BUSHONG: Why put it in the Constitution?

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you repeat your question, please?

DELEGATE BUSHONG: Why put it in the Constitution when you do not have any residence requirement now for single member districts? Why put this in the Constitution?

DELEGATE LORD: I am offering the amendment, Delegate Bushong, as a counter proposal to that put in by the Majority Report of the Committee on the Legislative Branch. This could be left out of the Constitution entirely, I suppose, and handled by statute. However, I think this proposal is much better than the absolute, across-the-board requirement of single member districts.

DELEGATE BUSHONG: Why? I ask you the question, why?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Lord.

DELEGATE LORD: Because in my opinion, in many subdivisions, it is not in the best interests of those subdivisions to have single member districts. I understand you are not from one of the larger metropolitan areas, and you may not be aware of the problem, but it would create a significant problem, particularly in the five metropolitan areas that I mentioned.

DELEGATE BUSHONG: If the people want to elect somebody in the district, they should be allowed to, shouldn't they?

DELEGATE LORD: Certainly.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bushong.

DELEGATE BUSHONG: Therefore, one-man, one-vote does not mean much to you?

DELEGATE LORD: Delegate Bushong, it certainly means a great deal to me. People will have an opportunity to vote for the same people this way as they would the other way.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bushong.

DELEGATE BUSHONG: Are you not setting it up for three delegates to come from one district along with a senator?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Lord?

DELEGATE LORD: That certainly would be one of the possibilities.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any person desirous of speaking in opposition to the amendment?

Delegate Rybczynski?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: I would like to ask Delegate Lord or Delegate Case