

a question, or a series of questions if I may for clarification.

I still do not understand the intent or the final result, if we were to adopt this.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Lord, would you yield for a series of questions from Delegate Rybczynski?

DELEGATE LORD: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Rybczynski?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Delegate Lord, under the amendment as you have proposed it, who would determine whether there would be one, two, or three delegates to a senatorial district?

DELEGATE LORD: Mr. Rybczynski, this has not been vouchsafed to us as yet.

Delegate Gallagher in his primary presentation indicated that they were now favoring a bipartisan commission of legislators and political experts who would submit a plan to the General Assembly, but that a final vote had not yet been taken.

This plan would become law, unless changed by the General Assembly.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Rybczynski, Delegate Lord has only 30 seconds left. If you will make your question short, please.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Do you feel, then, it is a proper matter for the General Assembly to decide, now or eventually?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Lord.

DELEGATE LORD: The answer is yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Rybczynski.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Mr. President, if I may, I would like to offer an amendment to Mr. Lord's amendment, which would then accomplish what he just agreed to.

THE CHAIRMAN: Will you please send it forward to the desk?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: It is prepared and in the hands of the various folks over there.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Rybczynski, this amendment that has been handed to me is not in the form of an amendment to Amendment No. 11. Is this the one that you desire to offer at this time?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Yes, sir.

If I may ask by way of inquiry how we may correct this to comply with the rule, I will be glad to go along with whatever is necessary, but I do not see any point in voting on the same subject twice if it is not necessary.

THE CHAIRMAN: I take it you are intending your amendment as a substitute for the amendment offered by Delegates Case and Lord, Amendment No. 11?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: That is correct, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: In the absence of objection, the Chair will disregard the form and treat this as an amendment offered as a substitute for Amendment No. 11. Please mark your copy for identification, Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 11, although it will be treated as a substitute. The Clerk will read the amendment.

Delegate Rybczynski—

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: It has not been distributed.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is now being distributed.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 11 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, by Delegate Rybczynski:

One page 2 of Section 3.04, Composition of the Legislature, strike out all of lines 2 through 6 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "delegates. The General Assembly shall divide the State into legislative districts for the election of senators and delegates. A legislative district shall consist of (a) one senate district and three whole delegate districts, or (b) one senate district and one delegate district represented by three delegates, in accordance with the law."

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Rybczynski to speak in favor of the amendment.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Mr. President, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole, most of what I wanted to say on behalf of this amendment has already been said by Delegate Lord, and I subscribe to practically everything that he has said.

By way of just a little bit of further explanation, let us consider any one single voter in the State of Maryland, such as myself.