

mittee of the Whole is that there be a bipartisan commission created which shall have the initial responsibility of submitting a redistricting plan to the General Assembly. The General Assembly may act upon it or not, or come up with its own plan, if it wishes. However, if it does nothing or is unable to agree, the bipartisan commission plan would become the law, so it might certainly be more preferable not to use on line 6 "The General Assembly," inasmuch as it would really be the product of the commission, if that were the will of the Committee of the Whole.

I believe my suggestion would get over that difficulty, regardless of how we ultimately handled the matter.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would Delegate Rybczynski accept the suggested modification?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: It is accepted.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do the seconders accept?

*(Whereupon, the modification was accepted.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is modified by striking out the words "The General Assembly shall," in line 6, and the word "divide" in line seven. Change the lower case "t" for "the", to a capital, in line seven, and start a new sentence. Insert after the word "State" the words "shall be divided," and strike out the comma and the words "in accordance with" on line 13, and the word "law" on line 14.

As modified, the amendment is before you. Does any delegate desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate Bushong.

DELEGATE BUSHONG: Mr. Chairman, may I ask my chairman and the rest of these proponents, why have any House districts at all?

THE CHAIRMAN: To whom is your question addressed?

DELEGATE BUSHONG: My chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, in answer to our loyal, hardworking member of the Committee, I have not left the ship yet. I am still for the proposal as it has been presented, because I do believe, as I said before, that it is much better that each voter have one state senator and one

house member representing him. I, therefore, oppose the amendment of Delegates Lord and Case. However, should it be adopted, I would applaud and recommend Mr. Rybczynski's amendment to the amendment.

But I am still with our Committee at the moment.

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

Delegate Gilchrist.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: A question for clarification from Delegate Rybczynski.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Rybczynski, do you yield for a question?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gilchrist.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: In line 10 of the proposal you have one senate district and three whole delegate districts. Do you not mean "composed of" instead of "and"?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: I do not think it will make any difference. If you will go back to line nine and read the entire sentence and phrase, "A legislative district shall consist of one senate district and three delegate districts," I think it is a complete thought.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gilchrist?

Does any other delegate desire to speak against the amendment?

Delegate Singer.

DELEGATE SINGER: I have a question for Delegate Rybczynski.

THE CHAIRMAN: I asked for anyone desiring to speak in opposition.

Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Mr. Chairman, I normally would not presume to give any political advice to many of the members of this House, but since I am one of the few here who candidly and clearly admits that he is a politician, although I ran on a bipartisan basis, I realize that we are quite antiseptic. I think there are some political implications of this amendment to the amendment, as well as the amendment.

I am in a rather interesting position because through a series of accidents I have a degree of influence in the political arena in my own county, and we survive, of course, as do all political organizations, by