

would have to go over into Montgomery or Carroll County, or Prince George's to get the other 20-some-thousand people that would be needed to create the senatorial district and the multi-member house district. Then, the person who might attempt to run from one of the other counties would have virtually an impossible job of being elected in a district in which he had such a small area, yet this would be the only way in which the people could be represented in such a district.

I think for these reasons it is imperative that we adhere to the single member districts. The whole idea of a three-to-one ratio, the 40-120 that we settled on, was to create one set of districts for the House, and by putting three of these together, make one senatorial district. You would have people from the senate having a larger overall view, and people from the individual house districts of about 33,000 having the smaller view. This would be good.

If we adopt either of these amendments we are upsetting the whole apple cart, and to me this would be one of the great tragedies of this Convention.

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

Delegate Bothe.

DELEGATE BOTHE: Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the amendment, not particularly in favor of the amendment to the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The question now arises on the amendment to the amendment.

DELEGATE BOTHE: I understand that, sir. I rise in support of the whole concept of allowing flexibility up to the number of three in the selection of delegates to run from the district. The arguments in favor of the single member district are very neat and persuasive. However, I think the problem in Baltimore City, which would be created when we have 28 neighborhoods and 28 representatives each coming from one little corner of the City, would be appalling.

In Baltimore City today with our six districts, ranging from six to eight delegates — and I think that is many too many — we have a situation where people must represent not their own kind, not their own neighbor, but everybody.

I know that the representatives from my district could not vote in favor of minorities. I have heard Delegate Sollins state

that he feels a minority would have a better chance in a single member district. Quite to the contrary. I feel that we would have a group of special interests, each competing with each other from the City of Baltimore, and perhaps also from larger counties; that it is a healthier and more democratic thing to have people not only represent their own kind, but all kinds, and that single members districts for Baltimore City would forever foreclose that possibility. For that reason I heartily endorse the Lord-Case amendment, which I think leaves open to the counties the ability to have single member districts, but does not prevent Baltimore City and the larger counties from being represented by a wide cross section.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak against the amendment to the amendment?

Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: Mr. Chairman, since parochialism has been mentioned here today, I would like to be parochial for a minute on the substitution or the motion to substitute the amendment of Mr. Rybczynski for the amendment of Mr. Lord.

Actually, in our county, in Carroll County, we would be entitled to two delegates and under Mr. Rybczynski's motion we would have to form either a legislative district with part of another county and have a district with three delegates at large, or divide the county into two legislative districts. I cannot support his substitute motion. I can support the motion of Mr. Lord.

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

*(There was no response.)*

In favor of?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, to eliminate whatever confusion I have spawned here I would like to state my position, which I ask the Committee on the Legislative Branch to consider. That is, I plan to vote for Mr. Rybczynski's amendment to the amendment. And I plan to vote against the amendment introduced by Delegate Lord and Delegate Case because I feel that the Committee Recommendation is the better of the two.