

The reason I am voting for Mr. Rybczynski's amendment to the amendment is that if the Case-Lord amendment should pass — and if it does, it will be passed over our opposition — I would prefer to see it in the form in which Mr. Rybczynski would have it as a result of his amendment.

However, in answer to Mr. Dulany, I would point out that I think there is no choice but to team up with another county under the three-to-one ratio. I think it must be done. I do not believe there is any choice in the matter.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher, the chair is uncertain, and perhaps the other delegates are, as to your answer. If Delegate Rybczynski's amendment to the amendment fails, there will be before the Committee of the Whole the amendment of Delegate Case and Delegate Lord. If Delegate Rybczynski's amendment is adopted, then we have before us the amendment of Delegate Case and Lord as thus amended, the substitute; so that in effect you would be voting twice. You would, then, be voting on the question of Delegate Rybczynski's plan versus the Committee Report.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I wish to make it clear that I am voting against Delegate Case and Lord's proposals. Alternatively, when we finally reach the question, I am voting in favor of the Committee recommendation that there be one delegate and one senator per district.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment to the amendment?

Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: A point of parliamentary inquiry: as I understand the last comment of the Chair, and as I understand the intention to vote as expressed by the Chairman of the Committee of the Legislative Branch, if the amendment proposed by Delegate Rybczynski is adopted by this Committee of the Whole, we will then have another vote on those same words. We will never vote on the words which are contained in the amendment proposed by Delegates Case and Lord.

Is that correct?

THE CHAIRMAN: That is correct, sir.

In other words, if Delegate Rybczynski's amendment is passed, it is substituted for the amendment of Delegates Case and Lord and you would then vote on that substitute.

Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: I should like to ask the Chairman of the Committee on the Legislative Branch if he would yield to a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I will.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Would you care to clarify?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I had been under the impression that we were going to vote on Mr. Rybczynski's amendment to the amendment, then pass on to the amendment as offered by Mr. Case and Mr. Lord. But if they are going to be consolidated, naturally I will vote against both at the outset.

THE CHAIRMAN: That confuses the Chair completely. Let me again state what the posture of the matter will be so far as putting the question to you is concerned. You now have before you Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 11. The Chair moves that this will be treated as a substitute for Amendment No. 11. Therefore, a vote in favor of Amendment No. 1 is a vote to substitute it for Amendment No. 11.

If that carries, it means that the Committee of the Whole has made the substitution, and it then has before it Amendment No. 11 as substituted, which is to say, it has before it for adoption or rejection the substance of the amendment proposed by Delegate Rybczynski. If it fails, if the motion to amend the amendment fails, then the matter before the Committee of the Whole is Amendment No. 11 of Delegate Case and Lord.

Now, is there any further debate? Does any delegate desire to speak in opposition to Amendment No. 1?

Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, I think that the point made by Delegate Dulany is correct, that the Rybczynski proposal does not offer the flexibility that the Case-Lord proposal does. For example, as I view it, the Case-Lord proposal would permit a delegate district of two delegates, combined with an adjacent delegate district of one, all three comprising one senatorial district.

Now, I think for his county and for the shore, that difference might be important.