

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

Delegate Bushong, did you desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

DELEGATE BUSHONG: No, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Miller, Beatrice Miller.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: A point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your inquiry.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: If we vote down the Rybczynski amendment and then vote for the Case-Lord amendment, can we then ask for reconsideration of the Rybczynski amendment?

THE CHAIRMAN: So long as the Committee of the Whole has not risen, I suppose we can ask for reconsideration of any vote, but the Chair fails to see why you would want to do this.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: I would want to do this in view of my Chairman's suggestion that if the Case-Lord amendment passes, he would prefer it with the Rybczynski amendment on it.

I do not want to vote for the Rybczynski amendment unless I have to.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would suggest to you, Delegate Miller, that to accomplish your purpose, you would vote in favor of the Rybczynski amendment to the amendment, and if it passed, you would then vote against the amendment substituted for the Case-Lord amendment.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Thank you very much.

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

Delegate Mason?

DELEGATE MASON: Mr. Chairman, initially I was in favor of the single-delegate district.

Now the Rybczynski amendment and the Case-Lord amendment, cut the senatorial districts down into single senate districts, and they limit it to three delegate districts.

There has been considerable discussion here that if you vote for the Rybczynski or Case amendments, you would be furthering the rights of political organizations. I do not see it that way. I think if we vote for the single-district, we would be furthering parochialism.

Now, in Baltimore City, I do not see how a single district would help minority groups whether political or ethnic. I think the Republicans and the Democrats, at least in my district, all live together.

I might also suggest that in Baltimore City we have a City Council, which is elected in a multi-delegate district. If we were arguing this point in the Baltimore Council, I certainly would be in favor of a single-delegate district, but since we are speaking of legislative districts, I think our delegates in the Legislature should be more broadminded than the councilmen we elect to our City Council. Therefore, I will vote for the Rybczynski amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Before recognizing anyone else, I think the Chair should call the attention of the Committee of the Whole to the fact that we have debated the Case-Lord amendment for 25 minutes. We have engaged 42 minutes in debating the Rybczynski amendment to the amendment, and 27 persons have spoken to that amendment. Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment to the amendment?

Delegate Koger?

DELEGATE KOGER: Mr. Chairman, I certainly would like to record my opposition to this amendment. Now, I want to say in all sincerity that I think the most progressive legislation that could come out, I mean the most progressive provision that we could put into this Constitution would be the one advocated by the Legislative Committee. I, too, am from Baltimore City. First of all, I am from a district where only one element is represented here now. The group that you see here is not a cross-section of that district. We are all from Baltimore, and all of us from the same economic, affluent district.

We live in those areas, and the main reason is that the districts are not so divided that we get a cross-section of representation.

I believe that if we defeat this amendment, we will get not only more exact representation, but also quality of representation.

For instance, in a district similar to the kind that I represent, we are overrun with bossism. We are overrun with the racketeers, and we are not actually getting the kind of people in politics who can very well represent the people, or rather in the way they should. For instance, we dissipate our energies and potential with cliques, we