

THE CHAIRMAN: Has it been printed?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Yes. It is marked LB, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher, I would suggest to you that it would simplify our consideration of this matter if it is agreeable to you and to Delegates Ritter and Grant that you withdraw your amendment No. 12, and the Chair will recognize Delegates Ritter and Grant to offer their amendment.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I do withdraw it, Mr. Chairman, and I would presume, Mr. Gleason would be agreeable.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher, with the consent of his seconder, Delegate Gleason withdraws Amendment No. 12. There is another amendment now before you.

The Clerk will read the amendment. It will be Amendment No. 13.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 13 to Committee Recommendation LB-1 by Delegates Ritter and Grant: On page 2 Section 3.04, Composition of the Legislature, line 6 after the period insert the following:

"The General Assembly shall provide by law for each county which does not have a delegate residing within its boundaries to be represented in the House of Delegates by a legislative representative. Such legislative representative shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a delegate except the right to vote."

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment? Delegate B. Miller?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, we discussed this proposal in Committee and we rejected it because we felt that it did not arrive at the kind of legislative responsibility that we were looking for. We previously decided today that each House member would be representing approximately 30,000 people.

If there is a legislative agent in part of the area in which he represents, then he would feel less responsible to represent those 30,000 people. He might in fact be representing 20,000 people, and the 10,000 who also have a legislative agent may find themselves then with a voice, but again without a vote, because there will be no accountability to the man who was elected,

since he can also turn around and say: "You people have an agent, let him do what we want on the floor."

I think also that the whole idea of a legislative agent violates the principle which we were trying to establish in this new kind of bicameral legislature which we hoped would come out of this legislative package, and that was that people would be represented, that their interests would be represented, parochially or on the other hand you might say in terms of representation, in one house, and that in the other house they would be represented in terms of a larger district.

It is for that reason that the Committee rejected this proposal, and I would urge that the Committee of the Whole do likewise.

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

Does any other delegate desire — Delegate Clagett?

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Delegate Grant if he would yield for a question.

DELEGATE GRANT: I will.

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

DELEGATE GRANT: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your question, Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: In order to gain one more vote, would you substitute for the word "shall" the word "may" in the first sentence?

DELEGATE GRANT: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Grant?

DELEGATE GRANT: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Ritter, do you accept the modification?

DELEGATE RITTER: We will accept anything at this point because we are not even sure we are going to get past the gallery yet.

THE CHAIRMAN: Amendment No. 13 is modified to change the word "shall" in line 4, to the word "may." Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

Delegate Chabot?