

the Committee, it seems to me, the way it stands, is as good as this amendment might provide.

I should point out to the members of the Committee of the Whole that even if the 90-30-30 is fully used, if that should be the case, that the General Assembly itself could, by a three-fifths vote, even before it went home at the end of the second 30 days, provide for a special session beginning on the 151 day.

I think that because of that, it is really not necessary to add this particular amendment, because it would seem to me that all this would do would be to provide that somewhere down the line, either 1, 2, 3 or 4 years from the time it was enacted, or acted under, there would be an extension of the 90 days, whereas the same thing can be accomplished, either by the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate acting under the proposed committee majority recommendation, or three-fifths members of the house doing the same thing. I do not really see that the amendment as has been suggested here does very much at all, and as a matter of fact, it has a little bit too much of the crystal ball gazing aspects to it, it seems to me, to be of any real significant value; and therefore, I would oppose it.

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

Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: I wish to ask the Chairman of the Committee a question, if he would yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Which Committee? Delegate Gallagher?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Delegate Gallagher.

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

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I do, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. Chairman, would it be possible for one legislature in the closing days of its session, feeling that the public would not approve of its actions, and very few of them would come back, would it be possible under those circumstances for that legislature to say that the next legislature could come in and do the job in 20 or 30 days, and be bound by it under this amendment?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Well, under this amendment, it is true that the first meeting period could be anything less than 90 days or anything more than 90 days, but since the amendment does not seek to take out the two additional 30 day extension periods as contained in the majority recommendation, I think you would have to assume that the majority could extend 30 days beyond your theoretical initial 20, and three-fifths could extend an additional 30 days, and then in reality three-fifths could extend into a special session.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: This amendment as drawn provides for an increase or a decrease in the 90 day session, and the question I asked was whether one legislature, feeling it would never come back, could impose the succeeding legislature with a 20 or 30 day session, have it imposed by law pursuant to the constitution, and bind the subsequent legislature.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Yes, it could reduce the initial 90 day meeting period down to one day if it so wanted, but then that General Assembly can act under the two 30-day extensions that I referred to in the majority report, which this amendment does not seek to eliminate and could convene itself into special session for 250 days, if it so desired.

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

Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that what is being overlooked by reference to the special session being able to take care of the situation is the degree of disruption that results when a special session is imposed upon the delegates. By the plan that has been suggested by Delegate Carson, there is a degree of permanence by way of planning and providing for allocation of time by the delegates.

It is quite obvious that what he is trying to do here is to anticipate the growing need over a period of time in the future for a change in the 90-day session, and by this approach the legislative act which provides for the change would then be one which would be known to those candidates who were running for election at that election.

This has many of the virtues of flexi-