

reconvene the General Assembly, a power which I say will not be lightly or frivolously exercised.

I would urge you, therefore, to oppose and to reject the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment? Does any other delegate—Delegate Harry Taylor.

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, will the Chairman of the Legislative Branch Committee yield to a question?

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

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I will, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Taylor.

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: Is there any limit on the time of the special session?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: There is no limit on the time of the special session.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Taylor.

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: Delegate Gallagher, would this not allow the General Assembly, if it wanted to, to do everything that we denied them the right to by striking out the prior amendments under the guise of a special session, and could it not conceivably last for a year?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Anything is possible, of course, but we have only the past to look to, and here I might say that when special sessions have been called, and we certainly have had our fill of them here in Maryland, ten within ten years, we are among the leaders, none of them has ever been called for light and insufficient reasons as far as I have been able to tell. In the vast majority of cases, if not all, the legislators have come here and have done the job they were called to do. They have done it expeditiously and they have gone home.

It seems to me there has been no abuse in the length of the special sessions, and I do not recollect—perhaps there may be some here who do—that the General Assembly has come into special session and ever gone the full length of time that it would be allowed to do under the old Constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 20 to Committee Recommendation LB-1. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 20. A vote No is a vote against.

Will the doorkeeper please see if there are any delegates in the corridors? Will the Clerk please sound for them?

*(The Clerk rang the bell.)*

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment; a vote No, a vote against. Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 45 votes in the affirmative and 83 in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

That apparently being all the amendments, the Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher to move that the Committee of the Whole approve Committee Recommendation No. LB-1, with amendments.

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee of the Whole approve and adopt Committee Recommendation LB-1 as amended.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No.

The Chair is in doubt.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the adoption of Committee Recommendation LB-1 as amended. A vote No is a vote against. Please sound the quorum bell.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Committee Recommendation LB-1 as amended. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate wish to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 107 votes in the affirmative and 26 votes in the negative—*(Applause)*—the motion carries. Committee Recommen-