

dation LB-1 with amendments, is adopted. Apparently the minority is a little more vociferous than the majority.

The Chair wishes to take this opportunity to extend, I am sure not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of the entire Committee of the Whole, its thanks to the Committee Chairman and the staff for a very able presentation of Committee Recommendation LB-1.

*(Applause.)*

The next item on the agenda is the consideration of Committee Recommendation S&E-1, under Debate Schedule No. 2, as amended.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Koss, Chairman of the Committee, to come forward and make presentation.

Before recognizing Delegate Koss, I would like to make an announcement to clear up what was apparently a misunderstanding.

There has been prepared in the Constitutional Convention Commission a quite extensive research memorandum on direct legislation, which was made available to all the members of the Committee on Suffrage and Elections, and in addition, was placed in the library of the Convention so that it would be available for all delegates.

The memorandum is being included in Volume No. 2 of the Commission's Reports, which as I indicated several days ago is now at the printers.

In order to make the memorandum quickly available for all delegates, we reproduced copies of the proof from the printer. Unfortunately, in the course of transmitting from the regular printer working on Volume 2 to the print shop here, galleys comprising a number of pages were omitted, so what you received on your desk several days ago omitted perhaps 15 or 20 pages of the memorandum.

They have since been reproduced, and could have been put on your desk yesterday, except for the fact that one appendix, which was needed, is not there.

They are being reproduced now. They will be available this afternoon. All of the additional pages will be placed on your desk. They do not go at the end. The page numbers will indicate where they go. I believe it is page 10A and pages 21 to 30 or 40, and one or more appendices.

If you desire and will leave your original memorandum and the additional pages on

your desk this afternoon, the page will disassemble and reassemble the complete memorandum before you. If you desire to take the memorandum with you for study over the weekend, because it will be a matter to be discussed on Monday, do so. You can quite readily tell from the page numbers exactly where the inserts go.

Delegate Cardin, may I inquire whether that explanation covers all the points involved?

DELEGATE CARDIN: Yes, I believe it does. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I also would like to know if that would relate to the voting age booklet. Do we have all of the pertinent information in that, or is there more that will be coming?

THE CHAIRMAN: I think that the entire memorandum relating to voting age has been reproduced, but I will find out this afternoon and announce before the day is over.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair now recognizes Delegate Koss for the purpose of presenting to you Committee Recommendation S&E-1. You should have before you that recommendation on blue paper, comprising two sheets, and Committee Memorandum S&E-1. There is also Minority Report S&E-1(A), Minority Report S&E-1(B), and Minority Report S&E-1(C). You should have all these papers before you.

Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, fellow delegates: I feel at a distinct disadvantage appearing at this point of the agenda, directly after the very able presentation of Chairman Gallagher, and also at this point on a Friday afternoon, when I know you are all anxious to end this week of long and hard work.

I will do the best I can to accommodate you. I am very pleased to present S&E-1, the first recommendation of the Committee on Suffrage and Elections. It deals with the subject of referendum.

The referendum process in Maryland has enjoyed a 50-year constitutional history. Article XVI was passed by the General Assembly in 1914, and ratified by the voters in 1915 by a vote of 451,884 for to 24,659 against. The article, as it was added to our Constitution in 1915, has remained the