

by accepting it, we are adding even more unnecessary language to the Constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bothe.

DELEGATE BOTHE: Mr. Chairman, I might say as co-sponsor of the amendment that my intention was to shorten the length of the total document, rather than to engage in some of the questions and argument as to whether it was necessary to write further, and for that reason I would, as one of the sponsors, prefer to withdraw the entire proposition if the result will only be to lengthen the Constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would suggest that you confer with your co-sponsor and then advise the Chair what action you jointly intend to take. Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: In the interest of parliamentary simplicity, since Delegate Chabot's amendment is really not an amendment to our amendment and comes after our amendment, it would be in order if our amendment were defeated, I will defer to my charming co-sponsor and will stand on our amendment. Vote it up or down.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Chabot's amendment is as you state not an amendment to your amendment. It is a perfecting amendment. The primary question, I think, is in order. It may be adopted prior to consideration of your amendment.

For what purpose does Delegate Weidemeier rise?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, I have ordered the identical amendment that Delegate Chabot has ordered, and it would be duplication for both of them. I would be glad to join on his and have mine withdrawn before it is printed, to same time and printing.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have asked the page to distribute the amendment marked "BB". The amendment will be Amendment No. 1, offered by Delegates Scanlan and Bothe. The Chair will rule that it is improper to combine the two amendments in one, and will therefore eliminate the second amendment, on lines 4 and 5.

The only portion of the amendment before you will be that on lines 1 and 2. In order to get the record straight, I will ask the Clerk to read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 1 to Committee Recommendation S&E-1 by Delegates Scanlan and Bothe: on page 1 strike out all of lines 9 through 11; and on page 2 strike out all of lines 15 through 25.

THE CHAIRMAN: Amendment No. 1 as so modified is now before you. Is the amendment proposed by Delegate Chabot now printed? Delegate Chabot, can you inform the Chair whether your motion is now printed?

DELEGATE CHABOT: I assume not, since I do not yet have a copy.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemeier, is your amendment, which was the same as Delegate Chabot's, printed?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: I just ordered it printed probably a moment before Delegate Chabot ordered his.

THE CHAIRMAN: For what purpose does the delegate inquire?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Parliamentary inquiry.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: You asked the Clerk to read the amendment. He read it in its entirety, and I believe you had instructed him to read just the first line so that we would now have what is before us.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would the Clerk please read again the amendment which consists only of lines 1 and 2 on Amendment No. 1?

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 1 to Committee Recommendation S&E-1, by Delegates Scanlan and Bothe: on page 1 of Committee Recommendation S&E-1 strike out all of lines 9 through 11.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is the amendment before you. Because there was no objection, you also have before you an unprinted amendment to section 1, which is the primary question. This is a perfecting amendment. It is in order. Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak to both amendments if I may at one time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me make sure everyone understands the question before you. The perfecting amendment is to add to section 1, on lines 9, 10 and 11 of Committee Recommendations S&E-1, after the word "referendum" and before the period, the words "as set forth in this article".

That has been moved and is seconded and is before you.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: First, I would