

vote for that amendment, we will put enough steam behind the amendment submitted by Scanlan and Bothe, so that Section 1 will then become so objectionable that the amendment by Scanlan and Bothe will cure, not only one, but two evils.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair believes we are now ready for the question. Before submitting the question, let me state what seems to the Chair to be an anomalous position: The Chairman of the Committee has stated quite clearly, and unequivocally, that Sections 2 to 6 are intended to refer only to referendum of acts of the General Assembly, and therefore, for this purpose, you should read line 14 to read in effect "every law enacted by the General Assembly in Maryland".

It does not apply to ordinances enacted by local subdivisions.

It seems to the Chair that Amendment No. 2 would therefore have the effect of limiting section 1 to referendum of acts passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, and that only. However, Delegate Koss has stated that it is the intention of her Committee that Section 1 apply only to such acts, and not to acts of local subdivisions, even without the language of Amendment No. 2; is that correct, Delegate Koss?

Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: You all understand the question?

*(There was no response.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Committee Recommendation S&E-1. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 2. A vote No is 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 8 votes in the affirmative and 100 in the negative, the motion is lost. Amendment No. 2 is rejected.

The question arises now on the adoption of Amendment No. 1. The Chair assumes this has been fully debated. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 1 to Committee Recommendation S&E-1, which would delete all of section 1. A vote No is a vote against. Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

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 54 votes in the affirmative and 56 in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

Is there any other amendment to section 1?

*(There was no response.)*

Does anyone have an amendment to section 2? Delegate Hostetter, do you have an amendment to section 2?

DELEGATE HOSTETTER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hostetter.

DELEGATE HOSTETTER: Yes, I do have an amendment to section 2, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will distribute the amendment.

This will be Amendment No. 3 to Committee Recommendation S&E-1. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 3 to Committee Recommendation S&E-1 by Delegate Hostetter: On page 1, Section 2 Legislation Subject to Referendum lines 19 through 22, strike out all of the last sentence and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"All laws of the General Assembly subject to referendum shall be suspendable unless they contain a section declaring them to be emergency laws and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, and passed by a  $\frac{3}{5}$  vote of each house of the General Assembly."

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair desires to address an inquiry to the Committee. I assume all of the members of the Committee now have a copy of Amendment No. 3 before them.

The Chair would like to ask all delegates intending to speak either in favor of or against this amendment to stand, and all other delegates to sit.

Delegate Gilchrist.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Mr. Chairman, I think in view of the hour, it is reasonable to advise the Chair that Delegates Scanlan and Freedlander and myself have asked for the preparation of an amendment