

enactment is not complete until, as explained by the Chairman of the Committee, it has received the governor's signature.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Enactment is a legislative process as I said. My point is that the whole thing could be taken care of by using some other wording which relates to the time at which the bill becomes law as was done in the draft constitution. Then you resolve all of these problems.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further questions? Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Style Committee could assure us that they will review this. The contention of the Committee has been expressed, and I think we all understand what they mean and I believe we all approve it. Maybe we could pass on it if we are assured by Style that they will examine this and make sure that it is stylish.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would the Chairman of the Committee on Style care to answer that question?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: I so assure you.

THE CHAIRMAN: If there are no amendments or further questions, we can pass on to section 6. We have here Minority Report No. S&E-1C. There are added additional sections so that consideration of section 6 is the first order of business. Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to introduce to section 6 of the Committee Report. It is lettered at present J, Amendment J.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will read the amendment. This will be no 10.

READING CLERK: Amendment no. 10 to Committee Recommendation S&E-1 by Delegate Cardin: On page 3, lines 5 and 6, delete subsection (b).

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: I would like to state I believe subsection (b) is additional verbiage which is unnecessary in that a law which has remained in effect, not suspended at any time, need not be stated to continue in effect.

I would also like to state that although it was not included in the amendment, this would require minor change in that sub-

section (a) would no longer be a separate subsection and the capital A in line 50 would become a small a.

Then it would read in line 48, "If the law is not so repealed then a law which has been suspended shall take effect thirty days after the referendum or as provided therein, whichever is later."

THE CHAIRMAN: Does anyone wish to be heard on Amendment No. 10? Does everyone have copies of amendment subsection (b) on page 3?

The question arises on adoption of Amendment No. 10. All in favor, say Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered. Amendment No. 10 is adopted.

Are there any further amendments to section 6? If there are no further amendments to section 6, I call on Delegate Byrnes for his Minority Report S&E-1C. Delegate Hutchinson.

DELEGATE HUTCHINSON: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to offer on the referendum. It does not pertain to any of the sections that are included in the committee report. It is in the form of an addition. I wondered whether it would be better to do it now or wait until after the Minority Report, but it is germane to the referendum issue. It has the no. 7, added article, section (y).

THE CHAIRMAN: I would think it would be in order to wait until after the Minority Report is presented and then all sections will be open to amendment. Delegate Byrnes, you may proceed.

DELEGATE BYRNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, I stand before you this evening to discuss with you a concept with which I do not think all of us are very familiar. That is the concept of indirect initiative. What is indirect initiative? This is simply the power which the people reserve much like referendum, but it is a positive power. It gives the people the opportunity to go directly to the legislature with a proposed law and say that the people think the legislature should, in the interest of the public, pass this piece of legislation.

The legislature then has the opportunity in full glare of public light to discuss and deliberate over this piece of proposed legislation. If they decide that it is not in the best interests of the people, it will not pass it. If they decide that it has substantial