

had evidenced interest, and I think five per cent of the people who voted in the last gubernatorial election could be considered substantial interest, should have a minimum of four months after a law is enacted to campaign for their issue. With a lengthy legislative session, there might be allowed only enough time to gather petitions and no time to get to the general public. I think this is a serious deviation from what the Committee recommended.

In that same paragraph, on line 16, following the sentence with the words "if rejected by a majority," in line 15, the sentence, "If petition is filed before the date on which the law is to take effect," I maintain can eliminate the possibility of suspension altogether. There is no implicit or implied or stated time here when a law shall take effect.

Therefore, it is perfectly proper under this for a General Assembly to pass a bill and say as soon as it is signed by the governor, it takes effect. What you have then is no suspension whatsoever and no possibility thereof.

The other point I would like to bring to your attention was that the movers of this amendment agreed part of the law should not be subject to our suspension. The other part of our recommendation totally ignored here was that a majority vote was sufficient to reject a law of the General Assembly, provided that twenty-five per cent of the people who voted that day voted on it. It seemed to us unless you had some such safeguard, it was perfectly possible for a vote of five per cent to reject the actions of the representatives of a majority of the people.

In conclusion, I suppose, I take offense at the fact that the work of your Committee, the consideration of this substance, I concentrate on the word "substance," goes for naught. I think we did have before us Commission recommendations. We debated it. We analyzed it. We accepted parts of it, rejected parts of it, we added to it. I think that deserves your consideration. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does anyone wish to speak for the Amendment No. 14? The question arises now, if no one wishes to speak further—Delegate Gilchrist, do you wish to allocate any of your time?

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: I will be glad to yield as much time as she wishes to Delegate Freedlander.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seven minutes remains.

DELEGATE FREEDLANDER: I will not need that much time. We also recognize the work done by the Committee and research in it and know of the thinking that has gone into this.

However, we feel that the items that are suggested as being eliminated could be in transitory legislation or in transitory provisions which this Committee could recommend to be implemented by the General Assembly when this portion of the Constitution takes effect.

It is not that we do not feel these provisions should be a part of the referendum procedure. We do feel they should be a part of the referendum procedure, but they should be in the statutes of this state as recommended by the Committee of this Convention.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does Delegate Gilchrist wish to reallocate any more of his controlled time?

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: No, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss, do you wish to allocate any time?

DELEGATE KOSS: I would like to allocate what time he wants to Delegate Schloeder.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Schloeder.

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: At this time I would like to yield some of that time to Delegate Chabot and reserve some of the time. How much time do we have?

THE CHAIRMAN: A little less than seven minutes.

DELEGATE CHABOT: I will be far briefer. You will get the ball back, Delegate Schloeder.

It is very interesting to see the maneuvering that has been going on this evening with regard to efforts to submit the Commission recommendation for the report.

It is pleasant to see that those who originally wanted to submit the Commission recommendation, I think the term is "haec verba," that term has been used for the situation, have now conceded that there are a number of things wrong with the proposal as submitted to us and we have been put on notice that if we are in agreement with the proposal submitted to us, number 14, I believe, that certain house-keeping amendments will be made.

We have also been put on notice that