

certain other things that may be unclear in this matter will be taken care of by legislation. Thus far we have not been put on notice that the Style and Drafting Committee will take care of the remaining problems.

It has been pointed out there were a number of problems with this language. Nobody has seen fit to come up to respond to any of those problems, such as whether or not a law can be put on the ballot the day after the petition has been submitted because Amendment No. 14 requires under number 12 that law can be submitted to vote at the next general election, presumably, if it is one day afterwards.

We provided in our committee report a requirement that at least twenty-five per cent of the voters who voted at the election vote on that issue. Nobody has seen fit to explain why it is that that provision should be done away with.

We have extensive discussion in our Committee, and some discussion here, with regard to the problem engendered by the language "when the law is to take effect", especially if we do not provide in the Legislative Article for some automatic effective date as we now have.

There has been no discussion as to how this will be handled if there is no automatic effective date. Can we have a law, part of which takes effect at one time, and part of which takes effect at another time? Is part to be suspended, the other part not? No indication.

These and quite a number of other matters, some of which have been taken care of this evening, were things we wrestled with when presented with the Commission draft. I strongly urge that Committee Recommendation S&E-1 has taken care of these matters properly and should be supported.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Schloeder.

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: I would like to use the time remaining to say this. I notice on Amendment No. 14 that two sponsors of this amendment are members of the Constitutional Convention Commission. I wonder if this would be the beginning of a pattern that will evolve in this Convention, that after we have debated long and hard for two months in Committee and for this entire day out of Committee, here in the Committee of the Whole, when it is all over, in they come walking with the Constitutional Convention Com-

mission draft. I feel compelled at this time to say that as we as a Committee sat down to study the material provided for us by the Constitutional Convention Commission we found this material remarkable in its paucity. For instance, the primary source material, the Ralabate report that was quoted by the Commission we learned from the author, Frank Ralabate who was an employee of this Convention for a while, that his report was not submitted to the Commission until two weeks after the language was drafted.

We also found that in the minutes of the Commission report given to us that there was very little time spent on this particular aspect of that Commission's work. The Commission worked in conjunction with Personal Rights, in effect through a combination Committee, Personal Rights and Suffrage and Elections, and there was very little of that time devoted to Suffrage and Elections, and consequently very little material we could draw on.

I say we worked long and hard and we, as with the combined wisdom of those here in the house, have been able to come to some questions that we may not have been able to answer. It does not seem to me this last minute midnight appointment or twenty-five minute to ten appointment is the answer to two months of honest, hard, sincere work on the part of the Committee.

It just does not seem appropriate to me. This seems to be very hastily amended, and before we wait for further amendments and transitory legislation to clarify and the Committee on Style and Drafting to further clarify, I would submit to you that we have here before us, in S&E-1, the basis of that same kind of operation. I would hope you would vote against this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case.

DELEGATE CASE: Mr. Chairman, after that last blast, as a poor beleaguered member of the Constitutional Convention Commission, I wonder if I can ask Delegate Gilchrist two questions. Would he yield?

THE CHAIRMAN: Will the delegate yield?

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Certainly.

DELEGATE CASE: Delegate Gilchrist, you mentioned that you had included the Hostetter amendment but I notice left out after the words "emergency laws" the words "and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and