

I feel it is mandatory that we conserve our lands, but particularly our marshlands, and I recommend support of GP-3.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak in opposition to Committee Recommendation GP-3?

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption or the approval of Committee Recommendation GP-3. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Committee Recommendation GP-3. 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 108 votes in the affirmative and 21 in the negative, the motion carries. Committee Recommendation GP-3 is adopted.

The next item on the calendar is Committee Recommendation LG-1.

For what purpose does Delegate Ulrich rise?

DELEGATE ULRICH: Personal privilege, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your privilege.

DELEGATE ULRICH: I would like at this time to thank the Committee for their support of this recommendation.

In the balcony is a lady who worked so very hard. Her name is Mrs. Evelyn Cotton. She arranged for all the hearings, with a very severe physical disability, and I would like her to be recognized at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delighted that she is here.

*(Applause.)*

The next item on the calendar is the consideration of Committee Recommendation LG-1. You should have before you Committee Recommendation LG-1, on blue paper, and Committee Memorandum LG-1, Debate Schedule No. 3.

As the Chair understands it, there are no minority reports. Is that correct, Delegate Moser?

DELEGATE MOSER: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Moser, Chairman of the

Committee on Local Government, for the purpose of presentation of Committee Recommendation LG-1, and Committee Memorandum LG-1.

DELEGATE MOSER: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole:

Beginning with the Committee meeting on September 15, the Local Government Committee heard a total of 140 witnesses. Representatives of all but one county government in the State came to testify before us. We heard from the mayors of 27 cities, as diverse as Salisbury, Frederick, Cumberland, Rockville, Glen Arden, Garrett Park and Greenbelt. Private citizens from various parts of the State also appeared.

We invited by letter all the members of the General Assembly to appear, and a number of them did so.

We also heard from state governmental representatives, experts in the field of government, and several Maryland Congressmen.

In between our public hearings of witnesses, and afterwards, for a concentrated period of four weeks, the Committee debated, drafted and redrafted the provisions which have ultimately resulted in the Committee Recommendation which you have before you.

I need not tell this Committee of the Whole the nature of the membership of the Local Government Committee. You all are aware of our backgrounds by now, and I think that you know that it is representative of the makeup of this Convention, particularly with respect to the parts of the State from which the members come.

In consultation with a number of delegates from other committees who were particularly interested in the local government article, we arrived at the Committee Recommendation. It represents a consensus. We believe that the sections included in it are technically sound and will work efficiently.

As you can see from the Committee Memorandum, and I refer to the summary of recommendations starting on page 4, a good number of decisions on these sections were by unanimous votes; in some cases by an 18 to 1 vote.

This is not to suggest that every word in the Recommendation represents a first choice of each member of the Committee, but at the end, substantially all members