

The Chair recognizes Delegate Case to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE CASE: Mr. Chairman, in order that everyone can have clearly before him what the amendment says, I shall read it. It would say, "The General Assembly may provide referenda for any law establishing, empowering or dissolving popularly elected representative regional governments, or the creation or alteration of their boundaries."

The purpose of the amendment is to make it clear that the permissive, and I underline the word "permissive", referendum called for in the section will relate not only to the establishing, empowering or dissolving of the governments of popularly elected representative regional governments, but also will apply to the creation or alteration of their boundaries.

It is my understanding from the colloquy I had with the Chairman of the Committee yesterday that this was the Committee's intention. It is my judgment that the section as drawn would not accomplish this.

I therefore offer the amendment to make it absolutely clear that the referendum goes, not only to the establishment of the governing document or charter of this type of government, but also to the creation and alteration of the boundaries of this type of government.

I call to the attention of the Committee of the Whole the fact that probably in substance, assuming that the Committee Chairman's interpretation of the Committee action was proper, this amendment does not change what the Committee in fact intended. I offer the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case, the amendment that was corrected has been circulated. Do you have a copy? The language is rearranged somewhat from what you have indicated, but I think it is substantially the same. Would you look at it and tell us if you will accept that as your amendment?

DELEGATE CASE: Yes, I accept it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Will you please destroy the amendment that was marked with a "G" at the top and the amendment consisting of lines 6 through 12, and substitute Amendment No. 2, the one that simply has lines 6 through 10.

Please also correct the misspelling of the word "dissolving" in line 8.

Delegate Moser.

DELEGATE MOSER: Mr. Chairman,

ladies and gentlemen, the Committee discussed in general terms last night the suggested change proposed by Amendment No. 2, and I am authorized to state that the Committee is agreeable to this amendment.

It does make some change in the meaning of section 7.10 in the last sentence. However, I believe it would have to be voted on.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? Are you ready for the question? The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Committee Recommendation LG-1. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment; a vote No is a vote against. Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted?

*(There was no response.)*

Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 109 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

If you will bear with me a moment, I will try to find out the status of the amendments of Delegate Wagandt and Kirkland.

DELEGATE SYBERT: Mr. Chairman?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sybert.

DELEGATE SYBERT: I gave the office an amendment about the same time as Delegate Case did last evening, at about 6:00 P.M.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is available.

DELEGATE SYBERT: I want to offer that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Also Delegate Wagandt's amendment is available.

Please distribute Mr. Wagandt's amendment. This will be Amendment No. 3, by Delegate Wagandt, marked with the letter "K" at the top. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 3 to Committee Recommendation LG-1 by Delegate Wagandt: On page 4 section 7.10, Establishment of Multi-County Governmental Units, strike out all of lines 37 through 41 and insert in lieu thereof the following: