

*A PROPOSAL that no lottery grant shall ever hereafter be authorized by the General Assembly; that the General Assembly may establish a state-operated lottery; that one-tenth of the profits shall be allocated to the State, and nine-tenths to Baltimore City and the several counties in proportion to the numbers of lottery tickets sold therein; and that any county, by its representatives in the General Assembly may exempt itself from or include itself within the provisions of legislation for a lottery.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 39 is referred to the Committee on State Finance and Taxation.

Delegate Proposal No. 40. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 40, by Delegate James. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that the incumbent of any elected office shall remain in office until his successor has qualified.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 40 is referred to the Committee on General Provisions.

Mr. Clerk, are there any other proposals?

CHIEF CLERK: No other proposals, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any motions or resolutions?

CHIEF CLERK: No, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: The next item to announce, since I have several announcements to make—is that you should have all of the Delegate Proposals read across the desk today except 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40.

They will be here very shortly. They will be placed in your box, if you leave your box here and the appropriate copies will be placed in your other box in the committee rooms.

I wish to inform the Convention that, in accordance with the invitation heretofore extended to the governor, about which I informed the Convention at its opening session this past Tuesday, arrangements have been made for the governor to address the Convention at its session on this coming Wednesday, September 20. He will address the session at such time as the Committee on Calendar and Agenda fixes in the calendar, but approximately at 2:15 P.M.

It has been suggested that there is some confusion as to whether the committees of the Convention may consider as being be-

fore them any matters that are not embodied in proposals formally submitted to the Convention and read across the desk, and technically whether the committees may consider for discussion, and possible inclusion in the constitution to be drafted by the Convention any provisions of the present Constitution that are not formally embodied in proposal read across the desk.

The answer to this question is, yes. As was indicated in the opening session, the intent of the rules is that, unlike the legislature, these committees may create and these committees may themselves create independently of any proposals that have been read across the desk any provisions which they think should be in a constitution. This ultimately is read across the desk. It in effect becomes a proposal, except that in order to distinguish them, it is called in the rules a committee recommendation instead of a proposal, but a proposal by a committee rather than a proposal by a delegate. However, in order to avoid any oversights on the part of one committee that provisions of the present Constitution should be considered by another committee, the staff will prepare and circulate by Monday or Tuesday to the committees and committee chairmen a memorandum suggesting for study to the respective committees, provisions of the present Constitution; in other words, allocating among the various committees the provisions of the present Constitution. This is by no means binding upon the committees. This does not limit you in any way. It merely is a flag, a warning to you that the other delegates and committees of a convention will assume that a particular committee to whom a section of the present Constitution is assigned will at least consider the possible inclusion or modification or rejection of that section.

This should prevent a situation arising where a provision in the present Constitution which the Convention may very well want to retain is overlooked because the committees assume it is somebody else's business to take care of it.

I am instructed that the tunnel passes requested by those delegates who are required to use the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel in coming and going to the Convention are ready and can be picked up at Mr. Martineau's office at any time.

I am very happy to be able to advise the Convention that I had a telephone message from Mrs. Morgan about half hour ago to the effect that Delegate Morgan is feeling