

The Committee considered at some length the names of the courts in the four-tier system. The name "county" was proposed and considered at length as a possible name for the fourth tier of courts, namely, the district court, but was disapproved by a majority of the Committee.

We respectfully suggest to Delegate Carson, as I believe our memorandum indicates, that the title of superior court for the third tier, or trial court, is in very general and popular use throughout the United States to designate the trial court in many jurisdictions.

We respectfully suggest, as Delegate Carson has indicated, that to maintain, or retain the name "circuit court" for the courts at this level would now be a misnomer and confusing.

Accordingly, that name of "circuit court" was abandoned by the Committee and the title superior court was substituted as being descriptive of the superior court at that trial level, and also for the purpose of being consistent with the trend of nomenclature throughout the United States to designate trial court at this level.

We therefore feel that, although this may appear to be a matter of some inconsequence, that consistent with the majority recommendation it is desirable and effective, we believe, to retain the name "superior court."

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

*(There was no response.)*

Does any other delegate desire to speak against the amendment?

Delegate Schneider?

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: Mr. President, I think Delegate Carson brought up one of the many objections to the amendment and that is that it is not a county court. It is a state court. It is a state court for and in that county and to call it county court is a misnomer. I submit that if we start playing the name game here on the floor, which we have already played in the Committee, and which the Commission played, we could be here for days, with four tiers, and perhaps as many as ten different names for each tier, and I would hope that this would be unanimously rejected.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

Delegate Mason, do you desire to speak against the amendment?

DELEGATE MASON: I rise to speak against this amendment. I do not particularly like the name superior court, being a resident of Baltimore City, I like even less the name of the county court of Baltimore City.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The Clerk will sound the quorum bell. The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Committee Recommendation LB-1.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 2. 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.

THE CHAIRMAN: There being 9 votes in the affirmative and 111 in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

Is there another amendment to section 5.01?

Delegate Needle?

DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of personal privilege to ask this body to welcome to the chambers today my wife and her mother. I would like to say a word on behalf of all of our wives, those who perhaps are the most abused as a result of this Convention, and husbands too in those cases.

The wives unfortunately do not have the pleasure and satisfaction of the great work of this Convention, but suffer all of its inconvenience, along with the delegates. Many husbands and wives do not return home until weekends or ungodly hours in the evening, and the wives have to prepare dinner at unusual times for those husbands. Mine is very thoughtful and considerate.

I ask this body to express special accolade to all wives and husbands as the case may be and form itself at this time into a functional division, a family court, and as-