

I mean to say is that the same rule ought to be enforced in Convention, that the amendments should be on separate pieces of paper.

It seems to me that the rule ought to be made applicable to them both, and cover the whole matter.

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county. The amendment is simply offered to make the rule read more smoothly. That is all.

The amendment was agreed to.

Rule 32d having been read,

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county asked for an explanation.

Mr. KENNARD. It is taken from one of the rules of the House of Delegates. Confusion might arise from taking papers out of the Convention, and members might unintentionally make much trouble. The 16th rule of the House of Delegates reads:

"No member shall take out of the House any bill, or other paper, belonging to the House, without leave of the Speaker," &c.

Mr. CLARK. No reflection was intended upon any member in adopting this rule. It was to prevent confusion. The clerk, of course, has charge of the papers, and if any member could call upon him and ask him for a paper, there was no rule under which the clerk could keep the papers. Other members might desire to see the same papers, or papers might be taken away which were pending before the Convention. Furthermore, this rule will fix the responsibility of the custody of the papers upon the clerk; and if there were no one responsible papers might be lost.

Mr. KENNARD. I did not suppose that the inquiry arose from any suspicion that we intended to reflect upon any member of the Convention.

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county. I merely desired an explanation of what it meant. At the first blush, I did not see the object of the rule. I am satisfied.

Rule 37th being under consideration,

Mr. THOMAS moved that the Convention adjourn.

The yeas and nays were ordered; and the question being taken the result was—yeas 37; nays 16—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Greene, Hebb, Wickard, Miller, Harwood, Henkle Hatch, Abbott, Cushing, Thomas, Berry of Baltimore county, Ridgely, King, Pugh, Turner, Mitchell, Todd, Carter, Noble, Schlosser, Hopper, Hopkins, Sands, Sykes, Lansdale, Peter, Clarke, Morgan, Gale, Horsey, Negley, Mayhugh, Davis of Washington, Sneary, Smith of Worcester, Purnell, Murray—37.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Robinette, Kennard, Stockbridge, Stirling, Parker, Ecker, Jones of Cecil, Earle, Scott, McComas, Russell, Marbury, Mullikin, Dellinger, Nyman—16.

So the Convention adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next under the order adopted yesterday.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, May 18th, 1864.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Owen.

Present at the call of the roll, the following members:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Wickard, Miller, Harwood, Hatch, Kennard, Stockbridge, Abbott, Cushing, Thomas, Audoun, Hoffman, Parker, King, Larsh, Smith of Carroll, Ecker, Wooden, Earle, Scott, Pugh, Briscoe, Parran, Carter, Schley, Markey, Cunningham, McComas, Hopper, Hopkins, Sands, Lansdale, Peter, Duvall, Marbury, Brown, Morgan, Dennis, Nyman, Davis of Washington, Smith of Worcester, Purnell, Murray—43.

There being no quorum present,

Mr. PURWELL said: There is no probability that there will be a quorum here to-day; and I move that the Convention adjourn.

The motion was agreed to, and

The Convention adjourned.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

THURSDAY, May 19, 1864.

The Convention met at 12, M.

Prayer by the Rev. H. C. McNamar.

Present at the call of the roll, the following members:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annon, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Belt, Berry of Baltimore county, Berry of Prince George's, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Clarke, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis of Washington, Dennis, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Gale, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hatch, Hebb, Henkle, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones of Cecil, Jones of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Mace, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith of Carroll, Smith of Worcester, Sneary, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—74.

The qualifications of the Rev. Messrs. Isaac M. Patterson, E. D. Owen, and H. C. McNamar, chaplains elect of the Convention, were presented and ordered to be filed.

The PRESIDENT announced the following additions to the committees named, in accordance with an order of the Convention:

On the Committee on the Basis of Representation—Messrs. Greene and Carter.

On the Committee on the Legislative Department,—Messrs. Stirling and Mullikin.

On the Committee on the Elective Franchise and Qualifications of Voters—Messrs. Noble and Russell.

The PRESIDENT also announced the following officers, in accordance with orders of the Convention.