

amounts to something ahead that we can work up to. It notifies the absentees of the convention that if they do not come soon, they need not come at all. It will have a salutary effect upon the business of the convention. I sincerely hope there is not a member of the convention who does not mean to leave here on the first of September. If we do not, then I think we shall have certainly failed in the purpose for which we came here. We may have to remain here longer; it is likely that from having no quorums and such things, we may be forced to remain here longer. But we ought not to be, and I hope that we shall not be.

Mr. SCOTT. There is no one—

The PRESIDENT. Is the motion to lay on the table seconded?

Mr. ABBOTT. I second the motion.

Mr. SCOTT. There is no one more anxious to adjourn than I am.

The PRESIDENT. The motion to lay on the table is not debatable.

Mr. SANDS. The gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Stirling) was allowed to speak after the motion to lay on the table was made.

The PRESIDENT. The motion was not seconded when he spoke.

Mr. SANDS. Nor was it seconded when the gentleman from Cecil (Mr. Scott) obtained the floor.

The PRESIDENT. It is now seconded. As soon as the gentleman from Cecil (Mr. Scott) arose to speak, the President inquired if the motion to lay on the table was seconded. And upon ascertaining that it was seconded, he immediately checked further debate.

The question was upon laying upon the table, the resolution fixing the 31st of August as the day for the final adjournment of the convention.

Upon this question Mr. ECKER asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question being then taken, by yeas and nays, it resulted—yeas 10, nays 45—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Audoun, Billingsley, Bond, Crawford, Davis, of Charles, King, Miller, Sands, Scott—10.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President, Annan, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Clarke, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Galto-way, Hodson, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, Lee, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Parnell, Robinette, Russell, Schlosser, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Thomas, Thurston, Todd, Valliant, Wickard—45.

The motion to lay on the table was accordingly rejected.

The following explanations, pending the call of the yeas and nays, were made by members when their names were called:

Mr. SANDS. I vote "aye" upon this question, for the reason that we were sent here to do certain work, and we should remain here until our work is done.

Mr. SCOTT. The reason why I shall vote in the affirmative on this question is that the people have a right to expect that we will get through before the thirty-first of August, and our voting for this resolution will amount to saying that we expect to stay here until that time. But my principal objection is that all such measures consume time that ought to be appropriated to the more important business of the convention. I vote "aye."

The question recurring upon the adoption of the resolution, it was then adopted.

#### AMENDMENTS TO JUDICIARY REPORT.

Mr. THOMAS gave notice that at the proper time he would submit the following amendments to the report of the committee on the judiciary department:

Strike out the 19th section and insert the following:

Sec. 19. The State shall be divided into nine judicial circuits, in manner and form following, to wit: St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's shall be the first; Anne Arundel, Howard, Calvert and Montgomery shall be the second; Frederick and Carroll shall be the third; Washington and Allegany shall be the fourth; Baltimore city shall be the fifth; Baltimore county shall be the sixth; Harford, Cecil and Kent shall be the seventh; Queen Anne's, Talbot and Caroline shall be the eighth; Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester shall be the ninth; and there shall be elected as hereinafter directed for each of said judicial circuits except the fifth, one person from among those learned in the law, and who shall have been a citizen of the State at least five years, and above the age of thirty years, at the time of his election; and a resident of the judicial circuit, to be judge thereof, and the said judges shall be styled circuit judges, and shall respectively hold a term of their courts at least twice in each year, or oftener if required by law, in each county composing their respective circuits, and said courts shall be called circuit courts for the county in which they may be held, and shall have and exercise in the counties of this State, all the power, authority and jurisdiction, which the circuit courts of this State now have and exercise, or which may hereafter be prescribed by law, and the said judges in their respective circuits shall have and exercise all the power, authority and jurisdiction of a court of chancery.

Strike out the 20th section, and insert the following:

Sec. 20. The judges of the several judicial circuits shall be citizens of the United States, and shall have resided five years in this State and two years in the judicial circuit for which