

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Taylor.

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: I rise on a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the privilege.

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: For the last few days, I have tried to get the floor, and this is no criticism of the Chair, because I have not been able to get out of my seat. Some of the delegates here seem to have springs in their hip pockets and by the time I get my hand on the mike and raise my hand, there are usually five people standing. By the time the fast starters have run out of wind, the consensus has been reached in the back row and I find out that this is usually irrevocable, and therefore, I save my breath.

But yesterday, in trying to speed up my grab for the mike, I slipped a disc in my back, and I was wondering whether or not there is any workmen's compensation, or similar provision, to take care of us Constitutional Convention casualties. But, for the next few days, my good friend, Delegate Taylor, who is younger than I and bigger than I and, therefore, easier to see, has agreed if I am unable to sublimate any inclination to talk on every subject that comes before us to take the floor for me and transfer it to me and I would be very grateful to the Chair if they would permit this arrangement for the next two days.

*(Laughter and applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Hereafter, in recognizing Delegate Taylor, the Chair will pause for a moment to ascertain which Taylor.

In further answer to your earlier question, I might say that the staff inquired of the attorney general very early in the session whether delegates and employees could be covered by workmen's compensation. The attorney general suggested in his reply that the work of the delegates is not extra hazardous.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Taylor.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: I would like to rise in support of my fellow delegate H. E. Taylor. I had an experience when I worked for the Department of Public Welfare. I leaned back in my chair and slipped. I did not get paid for about a month, but finally, I got my compensation check for falling on the floor.

I did want to say this with respect to the statements on the floor, in my experi-

ence as a case-worker with the City Welfare Department for eight years, we worked with various state agencies, including the State Department of Welfare and Mental Hospitals, and so forth, and from my experience, when a decision was made to change a certain rule or a function of the Department of Public Welfare, as for instance, when one time the Department of Public Welfare admitted all the mental patients to the state hospital and that duty or function was taken away, I do not know whether it was done by executive order or by law. Of course, we have a State Department of Welfare Manual which is revised now and then, and many times this manual was revised at the direction of the general legislature because many laws were not just administrative; certain regulations were not just administrative or policy making and they had to be changed by law.

I think the Committee has done the right thing in drawing up this proposal because I feel that if the governor decided to take the mental hospital away from the Department of Mental Health and put it into the Health Department, I believe this would require some type of statutory change and therefore, I support the Committee in this particular proposal.

THE CHAIRMAN: The question now arises on Amendment No. 16.

Does any person desire to speak on the amendment, either for or against?

Delegate Gallagher, are you ready? Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I do not want to be left out. I do not know why Harry and Brother Taylor were given the opportunity to speak, but we have to get a little loose. You were talking about workmen's compensation. My question to you is this, and I hope you will take it in the spirit in which I ask it. Are we by any means in violation of the minimum wage law?

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair would have to inquire of the attorney general about that.

*(Laughter.)*

Are you ready for the question on Amendment No. 16?

Delegate Maurer.

DELEGATE MAURER: I call for the quorum bell, please.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?