

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Schloeder.

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: Might I take this to be a public endorsement for single member districts?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: It is a recognition of the decision of the Committee of the Whole that they endorsed this concept and I am suggesting that it does have value, but it also has disadvantages. I think that this would be a solution to one of the disadvantages, one of the more serious ones, which is the one we suggested be parochialism.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of the minority spokesman?

Delegate Frederick.

DELEGATE FREDERICK: I would like to ask the sponsor a question, a brief one.

Does this mean if Anne Arundel County would be entitled to a senator, and the county adjacent to it would be entitled to a senator, that you would have to cut Anne Arundel County in half, cut the adjacent county in half and instead of one senator representing Anne Arundel County he would represent half of Anne Arundel and half of say, the adjacent county?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: I would respond by saying that I would disagree with your suggestion of cutting these in half. I do not know what you mean by that, but I would certainly suggest that one of the results would be, and this is what we consider to be a benefit, that a senator would sit across the hall representing a portion of Anne Arundel County, and a portion of Baltimore City, to be more appropriate.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Frederick.

DELEGATE FREDERICK: In the event that a county would be entitled to one senator, and the adjacent county would be entitled to one senator, would they each be from one county or would your amendment which says, "senate district shall cross county lines", require that they cross the county lines dividing the two counties, so that one county senator would have to represent two counties rather than one county?

We are not talking about Baltimore City. We are talking about counties. I know what you are thinking about Baltimore City, but we are talking also about counties, where it would be impossible for a county senator

to represent a county, even though a county may under the provision be entitled to a full senator.

That is what the amendment says.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: I would suggest in response that the reapportionment commissioners would have the responsibility for following these directions, to the extent practicable, and I might also say that that phrase was taken from, or is the same phrase used by the Legislative Branch Committee. They could provide a formula for redistricting that would produce just what you suggest.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Frederick.

DELEGATE FREDERICK: But according to this amendment if there is a constitutional provision this Committee would have no leeway. They would have to cut these counties in half.

We are telling them they "shall" cross county lines, not saying they "may" cross county lines. We say they shall cross these county lines.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is the question, Delegate Frederick?

DELEGATE FREDERICK: I asked him if that was his thought.

THE CHAIRMAN: I understand. What is your present question?

DELEGATE FREDERICK: Is this true, that they must cross county lines?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: The answer to that is yes; it is what they may do now. Under this amendment they would have to.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of the sponsor of the amendment?

Delegate E. C. Murray.

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: May I ask a question of Delegate Byrnes?

THE CHAIRMAN: Please state the question.

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: I am sorry, it is not clear to me what you are trying to accomplish.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your question?

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: My question is, what are you trying to accomplish?