

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. Chairman, I move suspension of the rules to permit the body to accept S&E-2.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Koss moves suspension of the rules in order to permit receipt of Committee Recommendation S&E-2.

DELEGATE KOSS: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion? Is the motion seconded.

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion?

(There was no response.)

Since it is for suspension of the rules we will have to have a roll call vote. Are you ready for the vote?

(Call for the question.)

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of suspension of the rules. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

(There was no response.)

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 108 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative the motion carries. The rules are suspended in order to permit Committee Recommendation S&E-2 to be received.

Committee Recommendation S&E-2. The Clerk will read the recommendation.

READING CLERK: Committee Recommendation S&E-2 by the Committee on Suffrage and Elections, Helen L. Koss, Chairman:

A RECOMMENDATION that Article II of the Constitution dealing with Suffrage and Elections shall include the following:

THE PRESIDENT: Committee Recommendation S&E-2 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Are there any other motions or resolutions?

(There was no response.)

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the Convention resolve itself into

the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering general orders of the day.

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

(Whereupon, at 10:20 A.M., the Convention resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.)

(The mace was removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DECEMBER 2, 1967—10:20 A.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY, PRESIDING

THE CHAIRMAN: The Committee of the Whole will please come to order. The Committee of the Whole has under consideration Committee Recommendation LB-2, under Debate Schedule No. 7. The Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher, Chairman of the Committee.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee:

Last evening we were engaged in an attempt to amend section 3.02 to take care of certain possible difficulties, and order to state for the record the intention of the Committee on the Legislative Branch with respect to the meaning of the sentence in section 3.02, which reads, "Each district shall be composed of adjoining territory and be compact in form". I would say that it is our intention that under the interpretation of the words, "adjoining" and "compact", that a redistricting commission or the General Assembly could not form a district, either a senate district or a delegate district, by crossing the Chesapeake Bay. Consequently, therefore, it will not be possible to link up in delegate or senate districts any of the counties on the Eastern Shore, or Western Shore of Maryland.

THE CHAIRMAN: I assume that the Chairman of the Committee on Style has made a note of this statement so that if the question arises in the Committee on Style as to the meaning of the second sentence of section 3.02 you will have Delegate Gallagher's statement before you.