

dent made yesterday and some other people have moved here, so he got up and moved for reconsideration. It was 11:20 P.M. at night. The Senate was out of session already at 10:00 P.M. The Speaker without blinking said, I am sorry, that bill has already gone to the other body.

He said, if you like, I would send a message to the Senate and ask that bill be returned for our reconsideration.

One minute to midnight the following night was adjournment time and the message came back signed by the Honorable William James and he said, we refuse to return the bill. We were up the creek. That was with the 72-man majority required. When you see the speed with which bills go through this house, by the time you find a bill that is read across the desk, in your notebook, it is already passed.

I urge you to protect the people of this State. The very few bills that are going to deny anyone anything are going to be very minimal compared to the damage that is going to be done if a bill is allowed to be passed by a 31-man vote in the lower house and a 11-man vote in the upper house.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment?

Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Mr. Chairman, very briefly, I think that the arrangements on both sides of this question are a bit overstated. It seems to me that there are dire results that can be predicted under either system. I have worked under both systems. I prefer the latter system, which does not require a constitutional majority. I think it takes one impediment away from the orderly legislative process which has too many impediments built in already.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Linton.

DELEGATE LINTON: Mr. Chairman, I do not know of any organization that has a precedent for this type of majority in passing laws unless it be the National Birdwatchers Society and I do not believe that they are an authority. If we are going to pay our legislators \$8,000 and not require that they be present to get a constitutional majority to pass laws of this State, especially after removing the right of counties to exempt themselves from laws, we are giving live ammunition to those proponents of a new Constitution, and I would submit that we should by all means adopt these amendments. I, therefore, speak in favor of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

(Call for the question.)

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 14 to Committee Recommendation LB-2.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 14. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted?

Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

(There was no response.)

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 99 votes in the affirmative and 23 in the negative, the motion carries. The amendment is adopted.

The question now arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 15 to Committee Recommendation LB-2.

Are you ready for the question?

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I urge approval on adoption of both of these amendments in view of the action just taken.

THE CHAIRMAN: A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 15. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted?

Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

(There was no response.)

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 121 votes in the affirmative and 2 in the negative, the motion carries. The amendment is adopted.

The question now arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 16 to Committee Recommendation LB-2.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Beatrice Miller.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: I would like to ask the Chairman of the Legislative Committee a question, if I may.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Miller.