

*a conservation bill of rights shall require preservation of the natural resources, wild life, and wasting assets of the State.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 273 is referred to the Committee on Personal Rights and the Preamble.

Delegate Proposal No. 274. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 274, by Delegate Finch. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that the finances of state government shall be subject to an annual external audit by independent firms of certified public accountants, which firms shall be appointed by the legislature subject to ratification by a vote of the people at each state gubernatorial election.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 274 is referred to the Committee on State Finance and Taxation.

Delegate Proposal No. 275. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 275, by Delegate Finch. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that any police power or governmental agency of any nature shall be prohibited from using any eavesdropping or recording equipment, devices, apparatuses, or processes.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 275 is referred to the Committee on Personal Rights and the Preamble.

Delegate Proposal No. 276. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 276, by Delegate Wheatley. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that the governing boards of state institutions of higher education shall have exclusive general supervision thereof and such control and direction of all expenditures from the institutions' funds as may be feasible and consistent with their status as public agencies.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 276 is referred to the Committee on General Provisions.

The next item on the agenda, motions and resolutions. The first resolution is Resolution No. 10. I will ask the Clerk to read the resolution in its entirety.

READING CLERK: Resolution No. 10, by Delegates Beall, Gilchrist, Mosner and Ritter.

A RESOLUTION expressing the profound regret of the Convention over the untimely death of the Honorable Ralph R. Webster, of Allegany County.

The Delegates to the Constitutional Convention of Maryland learned with deep regret of the passing of Honorable Ralph R. Webster on October 2nd, 1967.

Mr. Webster was elected a delegate to this Convention from Allegany County, and was sworn in on July 11th, 1967, but illness required him to offer his resignation.

Ralph R. Webster was born in Somerset County. After attending the public schools in that county, he was graduated from St. John's College, later receiving a master's degree from the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins Universities. His career in the educational field covered posts in Frederick, Garrett and Allegany Counties, and he had served from 1952 until 1966 as Superintendent of Schools in Allegany County.

In his service as Superintendent of Schools for Allegany County, Ralph Webster made an outstanding record during a period of considerable stress. Expansion of facilities, provision of new programs, the founding of the first community college in Western Maryland, and strengthening of faculty and administrative standards marked his administration. His services were not limited to those required of his vocation, and Mr. Webster made many other contributions to his community, including service as chairman of Cumberland's Civil Service Commission, as an advisor to the Naval Reserve, and as an officer or member of many civic, church and fraternal groups. He was a 33rd Degree Mason, an honor which comes to few men.

Thousands of citizens of Maryland are better men and women because of the devotion of Ralph R. Webster to the cause of education and to the betterment of the area in which he lived. More than forty years of daily work among our young people have left with them a lasting imprint of this fine man. Quiet and warm in personality, marked by sincerity and held in respect and affection by everyone who knew him, Ralph Webster's contributions to the people of his State will long be remembered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND, that the deepest sympathy of every member of this Convention be, and it is hereby expressed over the passing of the Honorable Ralph R. Webster of Allegany County, and