

fore you will be on the first sentence of the substitute in Amendment No. 3, the sentence from lines 8 through the middle of line 12.

Delegate Bamberger?

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Mr. President, a point of parliamentary inquiry. If we divide this, will that then require us to vote on those words which are in line 12 to 16 immediately after we vote on the words in lines 8 to 12?

THE CHAIRMAN: That is correct.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: In other words, will we first take up the point of the number and then be required at this point to vote on whether there shall be single-member districts in the House or the Senate, regardless of the size?

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not know that I would agree with your second proposition.

We will vote on the amendment as two distinct questions.

The first question will be the portion of the amendment embraced in lines 8 to 12. Following that we will vote on the next two sentences, after discussion closes.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: My inquiry then is that the effect of the second vote, that is, the effect of the vote on the last part of this proposed section 3.04 is a vote on whether the district shall be single-member senatorial districts, and double-member delegate districts.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is correct.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: I wondered whether the purpose of the motion to divide could be accomplished by the makers of the amendment agreeing to delete from the amendment lines 12 to 16 so that the issue is squarely before us on the number of legislators.

Can that be done?

THE CHAIRMAN: I am not sure I follow you. Is the issue not before you on the number by the first question?

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: The issue is before us on the number, but so is another issue, which has not really been debated for this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: There will be opportunity for debate on that issue.

Does the Committee of the Whole understand the procedure? The question on the amendment has been divided. The first

question to be debated, and then voted upon, is the first sentence embraced in lines 8 to 12. After that, there will be debate and voting upon the last two sentences embraced in lines 12 to 16.

The Chair recognizes Delegate—for what purpose does Delegate Marion rise?

DELEGATE MARION: Mr. Chairman, I have, I think, another question of parliamentary procedure along the lines Delegate Bamberger raised.

If we assume that the first portion upon which we will proceed to debate and then vote does not carry, does that mean that the question of the size of the legislature will not be subject to further debate and possible amendment before going to the second half of this amendment which we have now divided?

I think that is the point that Delegate Bamberger was trying to get at. Do we continue, if this amendment were to fail, to resolve the question of the size of the legislature?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James?

DELEGATE JAMES: If the first sentence loses, we will withdraw the remainder of the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right.

Delegate Sosnowski, did you have a question?

DELEGATE SOSNOWSKI: Delegate Cardin answered my question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of parliamentary procedure before we proceed with the discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

If not, the Chair recognizes Delegate James to speak to the amendment, the first portion, which is the matter now before you.

DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee of the Whole, I think that anything I would say now would be repetitious. I would simply reiterate once again that for the purpose of attracting top quality people and top membership, for the purpose of internal organization, for the purpose of creating a smooth-working relationship between the House and the Senate, for the purpose of staffing both at the home districts of the individual members and in Annapolis, and for the purpose of providing the legislature and the committees with proper staffing,