

gate Gallagher is mistaken. Delegate Bamberger was to speak at this point.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: The issues before us are really two: first is the issue of what shall be the proper size of the General Assembly if it is to be efficient, if it is to be strong, if it is to stand in its proper relationship to the executive and to the judiciary.

The second issue, and the issue stressed before our Committee by the witnesses who are now members of the General Assembly and by the seven members of our Committee who are present or former members of the General Assembly, was to free us from the kind of turmoil, the kind of rending trauma that we have when we must make decisions about increasing or decreasing the House and the Senate.

Obviously, it is difficult for a body of men and women gathered together to consider legislation, each hoping to have the support of the other for some particular proposal, to sit and decide that some members of that group may not come back, that some are there for the last time, that the size must be reduced.

It is equally difficult even to increase the size, because when you increase the size, you change political boundaries, you shift political power, you make it easier or more difficult for somebody to be elected or to be re-elected.

As the Chairman has said, with almost one voice, the members of the General Assembly who came before us said, we do not want that. That tears up this body. Set a size. We understand it is difficult to decide now what is the optimum size, but we have to have some guides.

Our Committee talked about this, I should suppose, from the first day that we met. There was no lack of sympathy on our Committee for the problems of the small counties. There were articulate spokesmen for the small counties on our Committee.

This Convention, the Committee of the Whole, has before it the testimony of its two vice presidents, one of whom is a President of the Senate, the other of whom is a distinguished member of the Senate both of whom say to you, the present size is not the most efficient, the present size is not efficient.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have little less than a half minute.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: I suggest with that testimony that we ought to be convinced, that we ought to reduce the size. Now 35-105 is the product of compromise. I point out to you that of the seven present or former members of the General Assembly who served on the Committee, four, as noted in the report, voted that it should be 35-105, and that we should free the General Assembly from this problem, this trauma, so it might attend to its work.

THE CHAIRMAN: Your time is up.

Delegate Gallagher, you have a half minute.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I will not allocate. I will simply say this: Delegate Rosalie Abrams asked for a size of 100 and 33; Charles Doctor, 80 to 100 in the House, 40 in the Senate; Delegate Finney, or Senator Finney, 33 senators and a smaller House; Delegate Blair Lee, 80 House members, 40 senators; Mr. Mandell, 100 House members, 40 senators; Delegate Sarbans, 105-35, Delegate Edna Cook, 123-member House, a smaller Senate, Delegate James, 80-40, Delegate Clark, 80-40.

THE CHAIRMAN: There is now authorized twenty minutes of uncontrolled debate. Does any delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

Delegate Gleason?

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, I wonder at this time if we could get a motion to extend the time for the unallotted time from three to five minutes.

THE CHAIRMAN: The allotted time per speaker is presently five minutes under the schedule, as amended. I suggest, however, that since total time is twenty minutes, it obviously would be unfair to have many delegates try to use five minutes.

Do you desire to speak on the amendment?

DELEGATE GLEASON: This mike keeps shutting on and off.

I do not know when I can speak, but I think we will just wait until the time expires and then if other people have to speak, we will ask for an extension.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

*(There was no response.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason,