

sent a small county in a senatorial district. However, we would not know until the election returns whether any particular county was without a legislative representative.

Who would appoint the representative agent by this proposal? Would it be after the election? Would the Governor appoint him, or the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate? I believe the Committee voted 15 to 5 against this proposal, primarily because of the lateness of his appointment.

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

DELEGATE RITTER: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, what the Vice-Chairman says is true, there will be no way of knowing until the election is over who the delegate is. However, I am sure the legislature can pass Enabling Acts to take care of these things because in 1970 there will be many counties without a delegate and in 1980 a few more, perhaps some of your own counties. This is something that has been going on in the federal government for a number of years, in the halls of Congress. We do not say that it is the best, but we have already lost the best so this is what we have left.

We feel that Alaska, and Hawaii and the Virgin Islands have been represented this way. As the Chairman of the Committee said, this representative will have all of the privileges of the legislature so we assume that he would be paid by the State, the same as any other legislator. It might be said that this is representation without taxation, but we are still paying taxes to those counties.

My county will not be completely obliterated by the reapportionment; we will still have representation. However, there will be some of our neighboring counties and some of those on the Eastern Shore without representation. I now ask the delegates from Baltimore City as Delegate Sherbow asked those from the smaller counties to give a little consideration to those areas that do not have a representative at this Convention, and put somebody down here who can introduce local legislation, and look after them as they should be looked after, because they are still part of the State of Maryland.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Scanlan to speak in opposition to the amendment.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I think the Vice-Chairman Della has made the essential points and reflected further the Committee's views. I will not add anything to what he has said.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment? Delegate Grant.

DELEGATE GRANT: I would like to speak in favor of it. The hour is late. The argument has been long. I think you have heard everything that has to be said by the small counties. We asked that the legislature be big enough to give us a vote, the answer was No. We asked that the legislature give us a tenth of a vote; the answer was No. We are asking merely, to let us appear in the legislature for the purpose of introducing our legislation, and to testify on the conditions in our county.

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

DELEGATE NEILSON: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak in opposition to the offered amendment, or proposal. A question came to my mind as Mr. Ritter made his statement, I think the keyword was, "someone to introduce our local legislation." It was my impression that we were going to have Home Rule in the counties, possibly to take care of local legislation, and a county representative as such was not necessary. We need people to be represented by the legislature. I speak in opposition to the idea.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Harkness, do you desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

DELEGATE HARKNESS: Mr. President.

THE CHAIRMAN: To whom is your question addressed?

DELEGATE HARKNESS: I wish to speak in favor of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: You may proceed.

DELEGATE HARKNESS: Mr. Chairman, I have sat here now for two days as a delegate from the county in which the first legislature of this State was ever held, and sat here in a complete spirit of frustration. As Delegate Grant has told you, we asked for a vote, we asked for a fractional vote, and for God's sake, now do not deny us the right to at least appear in this legislature. Now, I realize this is a half a loaf, or a part of that loaf, but any morsel