

DELEGATE CHABOT: I would like to ask if Delegate Grant will yield for a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Grant, do you yield for a question?

DELEGATE GRANT: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Proceed, Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: My question relates to the last sentence of Amendment No. 13. Do you mean by this that a legislative representative may do everything, except vote on the floor?

May he vote in committee, may he take any other action that the General Assembly may take?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Grant.

DELEGATE GRANT: It is not contemplated he would have a vote either on the floor or in the committee.

The purpose of this amendment is as follows:

There is a necessity for counties in this state and there is a necessity for the state to deal with counties as counties.

You have such matters as judicial, taxation and other items which have to be taken up on a county basis. This is to make available to the General Assembly on the terms which it will prescribe the availability of a person who can come in, bring in the necessary legislation, and give the testimony.

The purpose in giving this constitutional status is so that there will never be any challenge to the legislation by the fact that this is not provided in the constitution. How it will be provided, how it will be implemented will be left to the wisdom of the General Assembly, since the entire thrust of this amendment is to assist the General Assembly in administering this state.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other debate?

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 13 to Committee Recommendation LB-1.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 13. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted?

Will the Doorkeeper see if there are any delegates in the corridor? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 59 votes in the affirmative, and 61 votes in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

Are there any further amendments to section 304?

Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment designated as "S" which does not deal with it.

It would be a sentence added to the end of 304.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is the amendment presented?

DELEGATE BYRNES: It should be.

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will distribute the amendment.

It will be designated as Amendment No. 14 to Committee Recommendation No. LB-1. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 14 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, by Delegate Byrnes: On page 2 in Section 3.04, Composition of the Legislature, after the period in line 6 add the following:

"To the extent practicable, senate district boundaries shall cross county or Baltimore City political boundaries so as to contain delegate districts from different counties."

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to the amendment?

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Did the Chair hear a second to the amendment?

If any delegate seconds the amendment, will he please stand by and use the microphone and say so?

DELEGATE BURDETTE: I second the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Burdette seconds the amendment. The Chair recognizes Delegate Byrnes to speak to the amendment.