

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Fox.

DELEGATE FOX: Would Delegate James yield for a question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James, would you yield?

DELEGATE JAMES: I would be glad to.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Fox.

DELEGATE FOX: Did you not just vote for this same amendment?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: I made a mistake.

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: That is an honest man, Mr. Chairman.

One of the amusing things I always find personally in connection with secret ballots is how rapidly people can change sides of the road to justify a particular position depending upon what their objective is.

I have to state that in my judgment there is no substitute in public life for a man with courage and integrity in his heart who will come down and stand up and oppose a man who has been a leader if that is his desire, and to take the consequences of that action.

It seems to me that you are dealing with a legislative branch in which you want to develop responsibility, but individual responsibility.

I cannot see how you are developing individual responsibility when on such a key question you are saying that on that question you are going to foster a situation and I do not know of any other parallel, where you are going to have politicking in the halls of the General Assembly than this one, if you require a secret ballot.

I certainly hope this ballot is defeated.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

Delegate Grumbacher.

DELEGATE GRUMBACHER: Mr. Chairman, several things which have been said move me to speak again, one of which is that we should stand up and be counted, and I wish to assure this body that I have stood up and been counted plenty of times, and I have fought for those things in which I believed, and I voted in the open for all

of the things that I wanted to vote for, and I will have to admit that when it comes to choosing a leadership of a body, when the vote is in public, you may vote very substantially differently than you would in private.

As a member of the legislature, your job whether you will be serving the State for four years in a capacity that is worth serving it or whether you will sit in the back of a room in effect, depends to a great degree, on how you voted for your leadership. Let us not forget it. This is a very important thing.

Do you spend the time, after conscientiously running for the legislature, on a minority committee doing nothing or do you sit on a major one? This is the heart of the subject and the ability to stand and be counted on all the other votes would not mean a damn thing to you if you failed to be on a useful committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

Delegate Linton.

DELEGATE LINTON: Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to the legislature providing for a secret ballot, but I feel that this Convention has no place in writing into a constitution the rules by which the legislature will operate.

I therefore feel that we should reject this amendment and let the legislature determine their policy in this area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: I would like for someone to explain to me briefly the principle—if there is any difference in the principle from that which we enacted by this body in section 4.16 which provided for secret ballots by judges and the selection of a judge for nomination, and for promotion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question? The question arises upon the adoption of Amendment No. 7 to Committee Recommendation LB-2. The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 7. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?