

DELEGATE NIELSON: No, sir.

It is the same language, just a matter of striking two more lines, to perhaps clarify it.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is the amendment?

DELEGATE NIELSON: It would be to strike out all of the language in line 23 through 26, and then add the words, "except as may be provided by law.", as we have it in this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: You mean all of line 23, or do you mean all of line 23 after the period?

DELEGATE NIELSON: As we have it here, strike out the period in line 23, and the last sentence of the section, beginning with "position of notary public."

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles, that, in effect, is a combination of your amendments AE and AD, is it not?

DELEGATE SICKLES: Yes. I was prepared to offer that next. If it is permissible to combine them, I would be happy to do so.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Nielson, Delegate Sickles has another amendment which would accomplish what you want. Can you hold your motion, and then vote on one and then the other?

DELEGATE NIELSON: I suggest it is 20 minutes after 10, and if we go through each and accomplish the same purpose, would it not be wiser to get to the issue and decide it now?

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Delegate Sickles, do you desire to modify your Amendment No. 6 to read as follows: on page 2, section 5, Limitation of Holding Office, in line 23 strike out the period and all of lines 24, 25 and 26, and insert in lieu thereof the following words: ", except as may be provided by law."?

DELEGATE SICKLES: I do, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection to the modification?

Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, while the mover of the motion is in such a congenial mood—

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection to the modification?

There is no objection.

Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: I wonder if the sponsor of the amendment would also eliminate the word "except". I think that that is his intention.

As I understand his amendment, and as I am supporting it, he is just indicating that what is an office of profit should be declared by the General Assembly and not that the General Assembly should declare that it would be permissible to have dual offices for profit.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason, the Chair does not understand the purpose to be accomplished by deleting the word "except."

Will you explain it?

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, if the word "except" stays in the amendment, then as I read the amendment, if it is approved and added to this sentence, it would provide that no person shall hold more than one office of profit, except as may be provided by law, which would give the General Assembly the power to allow in certain cases people to hold two offices of profit.

I do not think that is the sponsor's intention, and therefore, if he removed and eliminated the word "except" it will carry out what I think is his intention.

THE CHAIRMAN: How would you understand the sentence to be construed if you took out the word "except"?

DELEGATE GLEASON: If we took out the word "except", then I would say that the General Assembly has within its power the ability and the authority to define what is an office of profit, and that is what has been the troublesome thing over the years.

THE CHAIRMAN: I take it the difference is the amendment as proffered would mean that two offices could not be held unless the General Assembly provided otherwise, and as you suggest it be changed, it would provide that two offices could not be held if the General Assembly so provided. Is that essentially the difference, Delegate Gleason?

DELEGATE GLEASON: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles, do you understand the proposal?

DELEGATE SICKLES: I understand the colloquy, but my precinct over here does not accept it. I would like to go along with