

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: I again would respectfully suggest to the Convention to reject amendment C. It seems a little inconsistent that, on its one hand, the proposers of amendment B wanted the governor to call it, now they want to take away his right to have a veto over it if it is passed by law.

There are only two ways the General Assembly could accomplish this. One, by law or perhaps by resolution. A resolution probably could not be vetoed. A law could.

I think it would be inconsistent for the posture of the sponsors to suggest in Amendment B that the governor should have the right in conjunction with the General Assembly to call it and in Amendment C they would not like to have the governor have the right to veto the General Assembly's action. I respectfully suggest Amendment C be rejected.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell. The question arises on adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Committee Recommendation GP-8.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 2 A vote No is a vote against. Cast your votes.

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

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 27 votes in the affirmative and 86 in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

The next amendment is D. It will be Amendment No. 3.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 30 to Committee Recommendation GP-8, by Delegates Needle, Hardwicke and Sollins:

On page 1 in line 9 after the period add this new sentence: "If a petition, signed by a number of qualified voters of the state equal to ten per cent of the total number of votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, provided that not more than one-fourth of such

number shall be voters in any one county, is filed with the office of governor to refer to the voters the question of calling a constitutional convention, the question shall be submitted to a vote at the next general election."

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is submitted by Delegate Needle, seconded by Delegates Hardwicke and Sollins. Please correct the typographical error in line 5, Second word is "cast" instead of "case". The Chair recognizes Delegate Needle.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to make one other typographical correction. On line 7 change the word "sich," or rather the word "such" should be "the total".

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection to making the modification in line 7 by striking the word "such" and inserting the words "the total"?

The Chair hears none. The modification will be made.

Delegate Needle.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: I would also like to say at the outset for the benefit of the Committee on Style in line 3 the words "qualified voters" could be changed to "registered voters" consistent with whatever position they take elsewhere in the constitution as Delegate Winslow indicated previously.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: This is the initiative procedure for calling of a constitutional convention. As I stated, I think it is now all the more important that you support this amendment having rejected the possibility of initiative, submitting amendments to the constitution to the people.

Remember that this only requires that the question of calling a constitutional convention be placed on the ballot so that the people can determine whether or not they want to call one. Then a convention would have to recommend any changes in the constitution to the people and it would come before the people at an election for their ratification.

"By petition therefor" does not mean by any stretch of the imagination that there would be any changes in our basic law. However, I think the people by the initiative procedure should have the right to call a constitutional convention. If they had that right, surely we would have had a convention long before now.