

The first item on the calendar for consideration by the Committee of the Whole is Committee Recommendation LB-3.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher, Chairman of the Committee on the Legislative Branch, to report the recommendation of the Committee.

Delegate Harry Taylor.

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: While Delegate Gallagher is on the way to the rostrum, I would like to exert a personal privilege, if I may.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your privilege.

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: They say that behind every man there is a beautiful woman, and behind our President in the gallery this morning is my daughter, Joan, who is here from the University of Arizona observing the convention proceedings. I trust that the Convention will give her its usual warm welcome.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Borom.

DELEGATE BOROM: Personal privilege.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the privilege.

DELEGATE BOROM: I would like to announce that in the balcony above the President are sixty-eight students from Forest Park High School, Baltimore City, with their teachers, Mr. Dettner, and Mr. Chalker, and at some point during the day—I hope soon—the Principal of Forest Park High School, Mr. Norris Weis will also be in the balcony. He happens to be the brother-in-law of Delegate Frank Robey.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are delighted to have you.

*(Applause.)*

Delegate Ritter.

DELEGATE RITTER: Mr. President, I think we would be remiss if we did not notice in the gallery this morning Cadet Webb, son of Waverly Webb, Delegate from Prince George's County, who is here visiting and observing the Convention today, and who is a member of the Augusta Military Academy. He is in the balcony over the speaker's rostrum.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are delighted to have him.

*(Applause.)*

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, and ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, I have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee on the Legislative Branch the third, and hopefully the final report of that particular Committee. It covers three aspects of legislative branch activity, they being the question of congressional redistricting, the question of the continuity of government in case of disasters, either natural or man-made, and the question of corporate charters of the State of Maryland which enjoy certain tax exemptions by virtue of the fact that they were enacted prior to 1851.

Taking first the question of congressional redistricting, you will remember that when we were presenting LB-2, an amendment was presented calling for congressional redistricting, and this was sent back to the Committee for consideration as a part of LB-3, which was adopted and which you have before you together with the Committee Recommendation comments.

Even though it was not the intention of the Committee on the Legislative Branch originally to include a section on congressional redistricting, the events which took place in the Congress the day before we considered the amendment which was proposed here, plus a further study of the history of Maryland and of congressional attempts generally to set up standards, has prompted the Committee on the Legislative Branch to reconsider its earlier opinion and to come forth with the suggestion which you have before you.

I think Maryland's history with respect to congressional redistricting can be best summarized in a capsule sentence which appears in a pamphlet called "*Representation and Apportionment*" published by the CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY SERVICE in August of 1966. Maryland was unique enough to prompt a separate article in this particular publication entitled "Redistricting in Maryland", and the lead sentence I think is what would interest us: "Congressional redistricting never easily accomplished proved more difficult in Maryland than in any other state in the country in the 1960's."

With this in mind, considering the fact that three attempted congressional redistricting laws, of 1961, 1963, and 1965, never saw the light of day, and that Maryland turned out to be one of the four states of the union which had ultimately to resort to the courts in order to accomplish con-