

Now we cannot go on to matters of substance until we have available the committee amendments and the various amendments on style, so I will have to declare a pause for a moment.

Would Delegate Powers come to the rostrum? The Chair has in mind maybe a five minute recess until these amendments come in, but I just want to check with Delegate Powers.

The Chair is going to suggest that we not take a formal recess, but that we simply just suspend business for ten minutes, until the amendments are available. We will ring the quorum bell when we are ready to go to work again.

*(Whereupon, the proceedings were suspended for ten minutes.)*

(At this point, President H. Vernon Eney resumed the Chair.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order.

Roll call. Has every delegate answered the roll call? The Clerk will record the roll call.

I am afraid we are losing time we can ill afford to lose. Some of the amendments are still not back yet. I think we can take care of some of them, at least, without waiting for the actual printed amendment.

There seems to be some confusion as to exactly where we are. I propose again to ask for style amendments beginning with section 3.01. Are there style amendments to section 3.01? The Chair hears none.

Are there any as to section 3.02? Are there any as to 3.03? 3.04? 3.05? 3.06? 3.07? Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, in 3.07, on page 3, we have already taken care of one change on line 17 by striking out "registered" and inserting "qualified". The other amendment which I propose would be this: On line 24, page 3, the last word on the line "for", and the two words on the next line "senate districts" would be eliminated, so that the sentence would read, "If any redistricting plan has been adopted within one year before a general election for the General Assembly, a candidate for the office of Senator or Delegate may also seek election in any new senate district containing fifty percent or more of the population of the senate district in which he resided prior to redistricting."

The elimination of the three words "for senate districts" would allow for those

situations where you kept the same senate district but you actually realigned the house districts within the single senate district, and I think we would want these three words eliminated.

THE PRESIDENT: Is the amendment being printed?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: It is, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection to considering, notwithstanding the fact that it is not printed, an amendment to section 3.07 to strike from lines 24 and 25 the words "for senate districts"? If there is no objection, this will be Amendment No. 1 by Delegate Gallagher, in section 3.07 strike from lines 24 and 25 on page 3 the words "for senate districts".

Are there any questions of the Committee Chairman? Is there any discussion? Are you ready for the question? The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to strike from lines 24 and 25 on page 3 the words "for senate districts". A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment; a vote No is a vote against. Cast your votes.

*(Whereupon, a roll call vote was taken.)*

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

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 101 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

Are there any other amendments to section 3.07? Are there any amendments as to style to section 3.08? The Chair hears none.

Are there any amendments as to style to section 3.09? Are there any as to 3.10? 3.11? 3.12? Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, in section 3.12 on line 37, after the first word in the sentence "in", I would move to add the words "any of" so that the sentence would therefore read, "Words used by a member of the General Assembly in any of its proceedings, including the proceedings of any committees and subcommittees, shall be absolutely privileged." We want to make certain that there is full inclusion of all proceedings, and we suggest this addition of this language to make it clear.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection to considering the amendment not-