

we are on sound grounds to require public scrutiny.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Grumbacher.

DELEGATE GRUMBACHER: Mr. President, I believe that we should face the problem on reconsideration rather than going through it and face it later on the vote on the item itself.

I would like to recap it late in the arguments which I have given because some of the people who are here now were not here on Saturday night.

From 1787 to 1838 the leadership of Congress was elected by secret ballot. Even now in case of a tie vote in the electoral college the House of Representatives would vote by secret ballot.

The issue of courage has been raised. The answer to that is that no sensible man allows his boss to know how he voted on him. I have great faith in human nature. Most people reward their friends and give their opponents the crumbs.

It happens that in the Congress in the House of Representatives the former Speaker of the House, Joe Martin was displaced by Charlie Halleck on a secret ballot in caucus. Gerry Ford again replaced Charlie Halleck on the same basis. I do not believe that at their peaks any one of these men was better than any other but the man who came along later, the man who was elected by secret ballot was more the representative of the times and of his party than the man whom he displaced and he would not have displaced him on open ballot. I do not believe the original elections of people will be better because the ballot was secret but I do believe that those who no longer have the pulse of the house will be displaced.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, I cannot conceive of any case that can be made for electing the officers of an elective body by secret ballot. The instances to which Delegate Grumbacher has referred are inter-party caucuses which is a far different cry in a party that has to maintain some kind of unity and unison to carry out political battles in an elective forum. I do not think there is any substitute for political courage. Certainly no secret ballot is ever going to be a

panacea or substitute for such courage. There is no doubt in my mind that individuals may be elected and may take vindictive action against individuals who opposed them after they have been elected to political leadership, but I think by and large the history of human relations shows when such vindictive action is taken, those people do not stay in positions of political leadership very long.

I implore you and I am for and have consistently stood for letting actions of the legislative branch stand out to public scrutiny and disclosure. We are dealing with leadership under this new constitution that is going to have a great deal of power, different and vastly superior to the power they have had in the past, the power, for example, to call into session the entire legislature of Maryland; those individuals when elected to office ought to be elected with the full public scrutiny of all the people, the voters of Maryland. I would hope this motion for reconsideration is successful.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Burdette.

DELEGATE BURDETTE: Mr. President, I am troubled about this matter. I rise in support of reconsideration. It seems to me the real problem faced by Delegate Grumbacher is in the nomination process which is in the caucus. I am informed that often, not generally in this chamber, the caucus nominations are made in secret but we are not talking, as I understand it, about how the nomination process proceeds. We are talking about how the election process proceeds.

I should call the attention of my fellow delegates that for us to put into the constitution an arrangement whereby the majority party, which happens now to be the Democratic Party, could split its membership among several Democrats or among a Republican nominee, is a most impractical procedure indeed, and if we simply talked about how we could reach the caucus, we need to leave that to the caucus. I support indeed the reconsideration motion.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, members of the Convention, there are some practical aspects to this thing that have not been brought out.

These are days of changing times and yet in the state legislature there is the voice of