

suggest which is much shorter would be more appropriate. That language would merely state that the limitations of this section shall not apply to laws pertaining to appropriation, etc., and go on and list them.

It is merely a stylistic change of what this section is intended to say, what Delegate Penniman stated was the intent, and what the Chairman on Style said was clarifying amendment without a substantive change.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: When the section 7.06 as recommended by the Local Government Committee was considered by the Committee of the Whole, it provided in its content two limitations upon the General Assembly. The first of the two limitations was that the General Assembly should pass no public laws but only public general laws and went on to define them as being in terms and effect applicable throughout the State.

The second limitation provided in 7.06 was one which appeared at the very end of that section in the very last sentence and it provided that no county shall be exempt from a public general law.

Now, when the Style Committee considered 7.06 it took that second limitation which was the last sentence of 7.06 and moved it up and made it the second sentence of 3.23 as you now find it appearing in lines 44 and 45. When it did that, the clear intent of section 7.06 when it added the third sentence was to provide that the General Assembly shall have the power notwithstanding the limitations; and the "s" on the word limitations means that the two restrictions or two limitations are lifted with respect to the eight exceptions to general law and only general law, which appear later in the section.

Now, that is a style change which changed the substantive intent and meaning of 7.06, and laying aside all of the other content of 3.23 which the Style Committee brought into and included in it, what I am trying to do is to get back to the clear intent of 7.06 before it was changed by Style and that is why I was asking the Chair to consider the amendment labeled CC as being one of style only to go back to the language of 7.06.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Clagett, in view of your explanation it is obvious that the amendment proposed by you, CC, is not the same and is not intended to be the same as Amendment No. 16. The effect

of the first two sentences of the section are not to apply to the items listed.

The purpose of your amendment is to make it clear that the first only of those two limitations is to apply. Therefore, if Amendment No. 16 is adopted, your amendment will be out of order. You may offer your Amendment CC as a substitute to Amendment No. 16 if you desire to do so, and the Chair will recognize you for that purpose at this time.

Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: That is exactly what I would propose to do.

THE PRESIDENT: Pages please distribute Amendment CC, Charlie-Charlie.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Charlie-Charlie or Constitution Convention.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Carson, will you please quickly look at Amendment CC and advise the Chair to see if you would be disposed to accept it as a substitute for your amendment.

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, I have seen Amendment CC earlier today and I consider Amendment CC to be a change in substance—

THE PRESIDENT: At the moment all the Chair desires to know is whether you will accept it.

DELEGATE CARSON: Since I do consider it one of substance and I do not consider mine one of substance, I think it is improper that it be considered as any substitute for mine.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair's ruling is that it may be considered because if Amendment No. 16 is adopted, Amendment CC could not be offered.

Amendment CC will be Amendment No. 16A.

The Clerk will read the Amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 16A as amended by Report S&D-16 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, LB-2, and LB-3 by Delegate Clagett: On page 8, section 3.23, General Application of Laws, in lines 45, 46, 47 and 48 strike out the following: "The General Assembly shall have the power, notwithstanding the limitations imposed by this section, to enact" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The limitation of this section that the General Assembly shall enact only public general laws shall not apply to".