

precedent, and looking into the history of acts of the General Assembly, to be forced in doing such research and reporting to have to use the interchangeable terms, House of Delegates, up to perhaps the year 1968, and thereafter the term "House of Representatives" if this amendment was adopted.

I do believe that it would be quite confusing to the researcher and to the student of history and to the general public from that point of view when these two terms had to be substituted for each other, depending upon the date that one was referring to the action of the lower chamber.

I do believe that there is some argument which Mr. Gleason thought to rebut in his presentation, that to make the change at this time would in the minds of many Marylanders create confusion between the members of the federal Congress in the lower house and the members of the General Assembly. Despite the large migration that may have occurred, there are many Marylanders, and I daresay the vast majority of Marylanders who are acquainted with the name of the General Assembly and the terms used therein and the title, "House of Delegates" has a specific meaning to them. When a Marylander uses the term "House of Representatives", he is always referring to the federal Congress, the lower chamber thereof.

For these reasons, therefore, first of history, and second, because of confusion that I think this amendment would create, I would urge this Committee of the Whole to vote against the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, members of the house, I must back up the Chairman of the Committee because I am unalterably opposed to this amendment. I think members of the House of Delegates, if the legislature of Maryland is to function successfully, ought not be required to write letter after letter to their constituents, explaining to them that they are not members of Congress I do not know how many times it was in the four years I served in the House that when we were even called House of Delegates' members, that people got us confused with House of Representatives of Washington and wrote me to do things for them. If we call the lower house the House of Representatives, I think that members of the House of Delegates would be spending half of their time writing letters explaining

that they do not have jurisdiction over the matters for which their constituents are complaining. Therefore, I am against the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, yesterday, I made the statement that I had as many traditional ties as anyone in this chamber. Those ties are not ones, however, that I am going to feel bound by when it is a matter of function and responsibility, or ability to do what is constructive along the line of governmental responsibility. When it is a matter of name, however, I feel the strength of the tie, on the identification as "delegate" applicable to this chamber, as distinguished from "representative", which I believe would be truly in identification of the federal chambers, I am strongly in favor of holding onto the tie and the tradition, and, therefore, would oppose the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say, our Chairman of the Legislative Branch occasionally finds himself in a peculiar position in this chamber and will find himself so in the future because he has to oppose what he has supported in the Committee at times. On this particular measure I think as I recall, the Chairman did support the change of name. I might say further that in our Committee, we have four members, past or present, serving in the House of Delegates, and those voted divided 2 and 2. Most of these people were native Marylanders.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? Are you ready for the question? Delegate Hanson?

DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. President, having said a few unkind words for tradition yesterday, I would like to say a kind word for tradition today, and say that for the reasons outlined by Delegate Clagett and by the Chairman, I will oppose the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of