

in need of the Smithsonian or whatever.

If they were part of the state, although sovereign, if the federal enclave was within the state, encompassed within the state but still sovereign, then the state could acquire that territory and that land and use it openly if it was ever ceded back to us.

I am aware of the political realities, but I think that the commission and the District or the people involved in statehood could communicate to this country that there is value in retaining the federal enclave within the state and still protect sovereignty for the nation as the federal capital. So I urge support of this substitute motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We have pretty well discussed and had debate on this substitute motion. I would like to vote and then I would like to go off the record to discuss something that I think we have to discuss before we go any further.

May we vote on this amendment by Delegate Garner and that amendment is --

MR. COOPER: The substitute motion as set forth by Delegate Garner will replace Section 1, to state: "The boundaries of the state of (blank) shall be the same as those of the District of Columbia, with the understanding

that the boundaries of the state shall be subject to negotiations with and approval of the Congress of the United States."

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is that clear to everyone now?

Okay. Those in favor of the Garner amendment, signify by raising your hands, please.

(A show of hands.)

MR. COOPER: 6.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(A show of hands.)

MR. COOPER: 19.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstaining. Okay, the motion loses.

MS. NAHIKIAN: Mr. President, the committee would like to offer an amendment at this point.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes. Give me just one moment.

Madam Court Reporter, we want to go off the record for a moment.

(Discussion off the record.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Back on the record.

MS. NAHIKIAN: We would like to offer some substitute language. It is the language that has been circulated by Delegate Garner earlier today, and reads as follows: