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look at it and stand for it, what we're talking about.

PRESIDENT: The chair lost you there on that maneuver, Senator Carpenter. I don't know if the motion is to supercede what was on the desk or not. Senator Syas, do you want to.....

SENATOR SYAS: Well, help the Clerk. What he's doing, he's striking out everything and substituting this which I agree with. He's striking the whole business as I understand and substituting this as the LR19.

PRESIDENT: As LR19.

SENATOR SYAS: That's the way I understand it.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR SYAS: Isn't that right?

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's right.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, Mr. President, this amendment is not the original subject matter that I had in mind but it reflects the judgment of the Constitutional Committee. And, I'm sure that they would not have reported the bill out of the committee without the understanding and so far as I'm concerned that I would substitute this motion for the committee's recommendation. And, that's what it is. Now, the difference is this. Out of the original motion, you were really passing an amendment to the Constitution which when two-thirds of the states of this country filed with the Congress, then they would automatically become a Constitutional Amendment. Now, the difference between that and this is that this only recommends to the Congress that they do it. They've had this bill before them on and off for a number of times. We are only saying that in our judgment, if that's your judgment, we suggest they consider the matter and bring it into some type of a position where the people through their legislators can vote upon this at their recommendation. I move for the substitute amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, now, we're speaking on the substitute amendment and....I don't know how to identify that as the chair's problem between the two documents that are apparently being passed around. But let's see if the Body can determine that. Senator Stomer, we're speaking on the substitute amendment which would be substituted for LR19. Oh, thank you. Now the chair learns that the other document wasn't passed around so what you have before us is what we are discussing. Senator Stomer.

SENATOR STAMMER: Mr. President and members of the Body. I did not have this copy before me while Senator Carpenter was talking. I just now received it. In essence, I would like to have Senator Carpenter tell me how this differs from what was originally printed in the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, do you care to respond?

SENATOR CARPENTER: The only difference is we recommend that Congress do it when the other bill in it's original form....we went on record as changing....doing the same thing and asking for a constitutional convention. Now, in the minds of many people, they believe that if we had a constitutional convention we would consider not only this but anything anybody could think of. Now, that's the difference, we only recommended to the Congress that they consider this as this is our recommendation, if it is.

SENATOR STAMMER: Mr. President.....

PRESIDENT: Senator Stomer.

SENATOR STAMMER: Yes, if I might continue then, I now understand what is being promoted here. And, what started out as a bad idea now has become a worse idea. And, let me try to explain this. First of all,