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SJR-17 U. S. Constitutional Convention
(Donovan)

Requesting the Congress to call a convention to amend the Constitution of the U. S. "restoring and granting to the people the right of appeal from a final determination of the Supreme Court..." "...called by the people upon petition of any 5 states in any case where there is called in question the division of powers between the Federal Government, several states and the people of the U. S." The Governor is to send copies of the resolution to Congress and other 48 states.

(Referred to Committee on Rules)

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Additions to Governor's Budget

The House Appropriations Committee added \$2,718,600 to the Governor's Budget in the categories analyzed below including \$1,839,000 which was added to the Governor's Budget to place school divisions on current ADA for 1957-58. This means that in 1957-58 counties and cities will be paid on the basis of actual attendance during that year instead of on the basis of attendance during the previous year as has been the case in the past. In addition, an appropriation of \$1,500,000 was made to the Literary Fund making more money available for school construction. Altogether this makes an increase of \$4,218,600. that the House Appropriations Committee added to the Governor's Budget. The total increase for public education for the biennium including the Governor's Budget and the House Appropriations Committee additions for 1956-58 now amounts to \$18,196,445. The Budget for the 1954-56 biennium provided increases of \$15,024,660 over the 1953-54 appropriation.

Retirement Bills

The House Appropriations Committee killed House Bills 285 and 356. It passed House Bill 355 and there is a strong chance that House Bill 614 will be acted upon favorably. Senate Bill 40 will not be considered until the Appropriations Bill passes the House and is referred to the Senate Finance Committee. The bills which were killed, HB 285 and HB 356, would have involved an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the biennium. They were opposed by the Virginia Retirement Board. One of the arguments used in connection with opposition to House Bill 285 was the fact that the Federal Government in all probability will reduce normal retirement age from 65 to 62 and that the State should wait until that time to lower our normal retirement age of 65. A strong presentation was made by the VEA before the House Appropriations Committee with respect to the retirement bills. Mr. Charles H. Smith, Superintendent of Schools, Hopewell; Mr. Foy E. DeHaven, Superintendent of Schools, Radford; Mr. Frank Coxe, Superintendent of Schools, Princess Anne; Mr. F. B. Glenn, Superintendent of Schools, Waynesboro; Mr. R. W. Gray, School Board Chairman, Waynesboro; Mr. Henry I. Willett, Superintendent of Schools, Richmond; Miss Virginia E. Lewis, President of the VEA; Dr. Robert F. Williams and Mr. T. Preston Turner all appeared on February 8, 1956. In addition, Dr. Williams and Mr. Turner made several subsequent appearances.

Sales Tax

It now appears as if the Sales Tax Bill (House Bill 609) will be killed in the House Finance Committee unless additional votes can be secured. At the present time a poll of this committee reveals that only 7 members are in favor of the bill whereas it will require 9 members to report it out of committee.