



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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League of Women Voters of Minneapolis
84 S. 6th St., Room 414 Fe 3-6319

Nov. 30, 1959

2/3/60

MPLS

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
on ballot in 1960

Note details of possible following positions in President's Letter, Minnesota Voter,
Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support _____

Oppose _____

Take no action ☒ _____

Unit No. 24

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Note details of possible following positions in President's Letter, Minnesota Voter,
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Support A small minority favored supporting the Amendment

This same minority stated that the League should not "sit on the
fence" - if this is the best we can get, then work for its passage.

Oppose _____

Take no action The majority favored taking no action

Unit No. 25

2/3/60
Nov. 30, 1959
M PLS

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
on ballot in 1960

Note details of possible following positions in President's Letter, Minnesota Voter,
Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support 1

Oppose 14

Take no action

Reasons for opposing:

1. No good enforcement
2. Should be more specific as to apportionment for population and area.
3. Some provision for another body to enforce reapportionment if legis-

Unit No. 26

lature fails

4. If legislators should be compensated for special session

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1/28/60
Nov. 30, 1959

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CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
on ballot in 1960

Note details of possible following positions in President's Letter, Minnesota Voter,
Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support

Oppose 9

Take no action 3

Unit No. 28

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2/1/60

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Support 0

Oppose 12 (unanimous) Opposition based on objection to fixing
representation in this area to figure 35,
and on ambiguity in wording in many sections.

Take no action 0

Unit No. 29

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Nov. 30, 1959

2/3/60

MPLS

#30

phoned in

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on ballot in 1960

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Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support _____

Oppose _____ ✓

Take no action _____

Unit No. 30

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Nov. 30, 1959

2/2/60

MPLS

12 votes

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
on ballot in 1960

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Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support _____

Oppose _____

Take no action 12 (Voters' service)

Unit No. 31

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Nov. 30, 1959

1/18/60

MPLS

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
on ballot in 1960

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Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support _____

Oppose 13 -

*We think league should actively explain to
public our reasons for opposition.*

Take no action _____

Non-voting 1

Unit No. 32

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11/6/59
Nov. 30, 1959

MPLS

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
on ballot in 1960

Note details of possible following positions in President's Letter, Minnesota Voter,
Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support 0

Oppose 7

Take no action 1

Unit No. 33

Due to inclement weather we had a very small attendance. Our consensus was arrived at with very little study of the subject as we have not had a report on it so far this year.

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11/28/60
Nov. 30, 1959

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Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support 8

Oppose _____

Take no action 2

Unit No. 36

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Nov. 30, 1959

1/21/60
MPLS

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
on ballot in 1960

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Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support _____

Oppose _____

Take no action X _____

Unit No. 39

League of Women Voters of Minneapolis
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1/11/60
Nov. 30, 1959
MPLS

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
on ballot in 1960

Note details of possible following positions in President's Letter, Minnesota Voter,
Sept. - Oct., 1959

JANUARY 8, 1960

Support 10

Oppose _____

Take no action 2 with ^{more} 4 members "taking no action" BUT continue with
Voters Service

16 members voting

Unit No. 41

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Nov. 30, 1959

1/28/60

MPLS

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
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Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support _____

Oppose 11

Take no action 2

Unit No. 12

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Jane 2/3/60
Nov. 30, 1959
MPLS

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
on ballot in 1960

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Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support 1

Oppose 5

Take no action 12

Unit No. 48

Mrs. Frank J.F. Gay

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Nov. 30, 1959

1/25/60
MPLS

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
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Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support _____

Oppose 12

Take no action 4

Unit No. 51

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Nov. 30, 1959

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on ballot in 1960

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Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support _____

Oppose _____

Take no action X

Unit No. 52

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Nov. 30, 1959

1/22/60

MPLS

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
on ballot in 1960

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Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support _____

Oppose 13 - Unanimous of the group present

Take no action _____

Unit No. 53

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Nov. 30, 1959

2/2/60
MPLS

CONSENSUS ON REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2
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Sept. - Oct., 1959

Support

4

Oppose

6

Take no action

0

Unit No.

54

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MINNETONKA

Minnetonka units had their study of
Amendment #2 in Nov. 19~~68~~⁵⁹ and the consensus
was taken at that time. Since we did not
have the appropriate blanks, I have copied from
the leaders sheets the necessary information.
On each sheet I signed the name of the
person who led the discussion and who took
the consensus.

The results were more like a poll than
a true consensus as there was much
difference of opinion. I have the feeling that
many of those who wanted the League to take
no position, actually opposed the amendment.
but were not sure of best procedure.

(Mrs. R.L.) Helene B. Bunkle.

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Will you check the answer that represents your considered opinion?

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1-☐ The League should take no position on Amendment 2.

And now, we urge you to write a full and detailed explanation of your choice to guide the State Board in its interpretation of your reply. Use the reverse side of this sheet to do so.

Signed: (Mrs. B. H. Runkle) Helene B. Runkle Minnetonka
(name) (League)

Please check: This reply represents individual ☐, unit ☐, League board ☒ opinion.

Note that only 6 members expressed an opinion - (tally above)

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Only 6 members of the board present at the time this consensus was taken had participated in the unit study. Others were loathe to express themselves since there was such a difference of viewpoint on best course for L.W.V. to follow.

It was a full agenda that evening and not a great deal of time was taken in presenting the material to the board.

Those who felt it should actively support Amendment gave as their reason that "anything is better than nothing" and we can continue to work for better amendment.

The three who felt L.W.V. should actively oppose the Amendment 2 felt that it was so far from the standard we had set that we couldn't work for it. Since we now have statutory reapportionment, perhaps we have a better chance to work out a better amendment in the five chances we will have before we will be reapportioned again.

The one member who wanted L.W.V. to take no position, made it clear we should continue voters service very vigorously but she felt legislators who had worked hard to get this compromise should not be discouraged.

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Will you check the answer that represents your considered opinion?

- 4- ☒ The League should actively support Amendment 2.
- 1 ☒ The League should actively oppose Amendment 2.
- ☐ The League should take no position on Amendment 2.

And now, we urge you to write a full and detailed explanation of your choice to guide the State Board in its interpretation of your reply. Use the reverse side of this sheet to do so.

Signed: (Mrs. Albert) Joyce Mills -

(name)

Minnetonka

(League)

Please check: This reply represents individual ☐, unit ☒, League board ☐ opinion.

5 voting members present. Unit 1.

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Four members felt the Amendment 2 was an improvement on what we now have. Perhaps we could get better legislation later.

One felt that statutory reapportionment now passed would increase urban representation and before 1970 a better Amendment can be produced.

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☐ The League should take no position on Amendment 2.

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Signed: Mrs. Wm. Adelman
(name)

Minnetonka
(League)

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Eleven voting members present - Unit 2.

WORDING OF AMENDMENT 2: "The legislature at its first session after the 1970 census and each decennial census thereafter made by the authority of the United States shall have the power to prescribe the bounds of congressional, senatorial, and representative districts, and to apportion anew the senators and representatives among the several districts. The number of members who compose the Senate shall not exceed 67 and the number of members who compose the House of Representatives shall not exceed 135. No representative district shall be divided in the formation of a senatorial district. The senators shall be chosen by single districts of convenient, contiguous territory and in the same manner as members of the House of Representatives are required to be chosen.

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Unanimous opinion that L.W.V. should give
Voters service and information about Amendment 2
but should definitely oppose its passage, as this is
not the amendment we want and we should be
prepared to explain why.

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Signed: Helene B. Bunkle
(name)

Minnetonka
(League)

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Nine voting members present.

Unit 3.

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A majority favored continuing Voters service mainly because they felt we should not entirely discourage legislators who have at last made some effort to solve reapportionment problem.

The three who wanted it actively opposed felt that the public would certainly expect a firm stand from L.W.V. and that this amendment was too poor to merit support.

The one who wanted it supported just felt this was a step in the right direction.

As discussion leader, I felt we might have reached a more unanimous opinion if we had been allowed a bit more time that evening. Chairman had other business which took too much of discussion time.

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Signed: Mary Fran Chaux
(name)

Minnetonka
(League)

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Five voting members present. Unit 4.

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One felt strongly that the L.W.V. should actively
oppose Amendment 2.

Some felt that more voters service was needed
and that this amendment probably would fail
without League support.

Main objections:

1. Extra session without pay
2. Still felt senators should represent on population basis
rather than members of the House.
3. Too far from League Criteria.

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8 ☒ The League should take no position on Amendment 2.

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Signed: Barbara Petrabet Beth McFall
(name)

Minnetonka
(League)

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11 Voting members present Unit 5.

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One objection was limiting representation from 5 counties
adjacent to and including Ramsey to 35% of members of
Senate. Should allow for flexibility as population changes.

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Signed: (Mrs. R.H.) Helene B. Puntke. Minnetonka.
(name) (League)

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Only 4 voting members present Unit 7.

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Those apposed to Amendment #2. felt it was so far from our criteria that it must not be supported especially since we have 5 more chances for a better wording before 1970.

Those supporting felt it was a step in the right direction.

MINNETONKA

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Signed: Helen Price (name) Minnetonka (League)

Please check: This reply represents individual ☐ opinion, unit ☒, League board ☐

Nine voting members present Unit 8.

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How does proposed Amendment #2. measure up to
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Signed: *Ma Karlton Cardyn Rosholt*
(name)

Minnetonka
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12 voting members present

Unit 9

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No one in this group felt the League should actively oppose the amendment.

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MOORHEAD

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Signed: Mrs. C. J. McKee
(name)

Moorhead, Minnesota
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The majority of members in this Unit believed we should actively oppose this Amendment and not compromise the League stand since we had a number of years to work for a better Amendment. They thought this would be wiser than taking no position and perhaps getting this compromise Amendment as the permanent solution.

A very small minority of the Unit members believed we should take no position and "sit this one out" because they felt this Amendment would be better than nothing or one that might be worse.

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Signed:

Eileen Kivi
(name)

Moorehead
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The consensus of opinion in the evening unit of L.W.V. of Moorhead was that we should take no position on the Amendment. They felt we would profit by the time --for more study, for more legislative sessions for action to get nearer what is our goal. Objection was particularly strong on the extra-session part of the Amendment. Also the fact that here was another Amendment to our state constitution-- by no action, perhaps we could get action and get a Constitutional Convention someday! Let us stay with the original LWV principles.

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With the tremendous shifts in population which are to come in the next decade, perhaps it would be wise to wait before we compromise on our original principle--there will be time enough to do it then if necessary. What's ten years in our lives?????---what am I saying?

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Signed: Ebene Thurston
(name)

Mound
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The Mound League has been in favor of compromise in order to secure re-
apportionment, however, it was felt
by the entire board that this amend-
ment gives the legislature too much
leeway. It has certainly given us no
reason in the past to encourage us
now to trust it. (We have lost faith
✓ with the legislature's ability to discipline
itself.) The enforcement method did not
bother us as much as the actual
reapportionment clauses which leaves
so much to the legislature's discretion.
✓ (We could work hard to pass this
amendment and not really know
what we were fighting for) To oppose
it actively might do harm to the
League; so we feel no position
should be taken except to say that
it does not satisfy the League's require-
ments.

Elaine Thurston
State Item Chairman
League of Women Voters of Mound

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Signed:

Mrs. Paul Juerna
(name)

New Richland
(League)

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We feel that the League should actively support Amendment No. 2 because this is probably as close to an area and population compromise which could be agreed to.

We are ~~not~~ pleased with the final wording of the amendment - especially the very indefinite sentence we underlined in the ^{22nd} paragraph, ~~the~~ however compromise is necessary - we feel the metropolitan area will be well represented with 35% of ~~the~~ members - & they will also have support of Duluth & Minner County ^(and perhaps a few others) So rather than take a chance on losing area representation altogether, we will support it.

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Jan. 28, 1960
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Signed: Mr. Philip Frisch New Ulm
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In order to get a really unbiased opinion from each individual board member, they were asked to study the reapportionment amendment & phone in their votes to me. They did so, and called in their votes & reasons over the period of a week or so & oddly enough, the votes were unanimous, their reasons almost identical in all cases. They thought the League should not take any stand, either for or against, Amendment 2. They considered it unsatisfactory because it was too vague, the enforcement clause discriminatory towards out-state legislators, increased the size of an already unwieldy legislature & might react against future attempts ^{by the League} to get a good reapportionment provision either by amendment or constitutional revision. They felt the League should concentrate on trying to educate the voters further on this question & for now wait to see if reapportionment under the present law might not be forced by the courts. They do believe in an area factor, however.

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No. St. Paul L. W. V.
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We feel:

- ✓ 1. That (we are unable to take a "no position" stand on this amendment after working for so many years in this area. We are not "for" it, therefore we are "against" it.)
2. That the amendment does not meet the League's criteria.
3. That leaving, as it does, all powers of re-apportionment in the legislature, is unsatisfactory; that the provision for enforcement of same is inadequate and/or unsatisfactory.
4. That something better can be achieved in this area and we would like to continue with this in mind.

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(over)

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Signed: Mr. Pat Carey (name) OWATONNA (League)

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Our Board met January 26th at the time when our three Units were meeting and when the program was a review of reapportionment and discussion of this amendment. The Board decided at the Jan. 26th meeting not to send in a separate decision because each Board member would vote and be counted at her Unit meeting. Since the Unit meetings were devoted entirely to a thorough study of the amendment, the Board felt that any discussion it would have would be ^{re}repetitious.

However, if you would like a count of the of the 12 individual ^{id} Board votes, I will send that to you.

Actually, the final word is this: almost every member of each Unit was on the fence.

Casey

FEB 4 1960

OWATONNA
from E. Barta

Our replies should indicate 3 separate Unit Actions. (I lost the blue sheets in the melle.) I have only noted down reasons for voting in a certain way rather than any of the arguments which centered primarily on the "fair representation" clause and enforcement.

In preparing our program we did go over the amendment with Senator Harold Nelson for his personal and private opinion. He was primarily concerned with the "fair representation" clause also. He did make the statement that he felt that in view of the statutory reapportionment, that this issue would be dead if the amendment does not pass.

We felt it was significant that ^{the} two of us who went over the same information in preparing our background material, going together to interview Senator Nelson, and presenting the programs in all 3 Units listening to the same discussion, arrived at two different personal conclusions - one favoring active opposition and one favoring Voters Service.

Unit I - To actively support - OWATONNA

Unit I - Voted to actively support it because:

1. It would force action on reapportionment.
2. Once action is taken, it will be easier to get future action.
3. As a matter of practical politics, it appears to be the best we can get.
4. Rural areas will be guaranteed the area factor will be included.

The minority voted to actively oppose because:

1. It looked as though the legislature had intended to do little or nothing in order to appease the demands for action.
2. If we actively oppose it, rather than perform Voters' Service, we will have a greater opportunity to educate, and to expend energy in the direction of keeping the issue alive.

One member voted for Voters' Service because:

1. It does to some degree meet all our criteria.

Owatonna League

Unit II - Split their vote in a tie. OWATONNA

Unit II. One half voted to actively support because:

1. Rural guarantee
2. Some change now makes it easier to keep changing than to get what you want initially.
3. If not passed now, may be a dead issue because of statutory reapportionment.

One half of membership voted to actively oppose —

1. To work for something better
2. If passed would be so many years before we could know if it is bad or good.
3. It ought to be stronger
4. One member felt Mrs. Kane's opinion helped to strengthen her decision.

Owatonna League

Unit III. To actively oppose -

OWATONNA

Unit III. Voted to actively oppose it because:

1. The League has a history of not compromising its principles and there is no reason to do so in this issue.
2. Oppose it with the hope of improving in the future opportunities.
3. Because of the chance of getting something better.
4. One member opposed it because she did not want to change it at all from the way it is presently framed in the Constitution.

The minority who voted to actively support because:

1. Afraid we won't get anything better.
2. Practical politics - this is the best that can be done. Mr. Bergerud's statement on this influenced one member's decision on these grounds.
3. Better to get something accomplished.

This group expressed some preference for a Voter's Service choice because:

1. This would be the neat and diplomatic way to handle opposing it, especially since the framers of the amendment are legislators who have previously worked toward reapportionment.
2. Enough education and information could be circulated.

Owatonna League

RED WING
JAN 5 1960

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Signed:

Helma S. Brunkman
(name)

Red Wing, Minn.
(League)

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Eve.

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Both of the Red Wing units were very close in their thinking on this matter, so I am combining their ideas.

Our Local Board will not meet until the end of the month, but I'm sure their ideas will be much the same, but I will not send them on until after the meeting.

Both units felt that Amendment A did not meet the criteria for support set up by the League.

(In both units there was a general feeling against the amendment, but the members felt that active opposition on our part might be misunderstood by the general public in view of our long stand for reopportunity.) The units believed that taking no position would serve them just as well or better than active opposition.

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Signed: Helma S. Brinkman
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RICHFIELD
1960

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(name)

Richfield

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The Richfield League board has decided to support Amendment 2 very reluctantly. We feel that taking no position would be the same as actively opposing the amendment. To oppose it would be saying to the legislators and people of the state, "We're hungry, but we won't eat our peanut butter sandwiches unless you put jelly on them".

We feel the Minnesota League will have to bow to the inevitable - compromise. To not do so would endanger the reputation of the League and the friendships we have built among the legislators. This is not the last request we will make of the legislature. Let us be mature enough to protect our interests and settle for a reasonable amount of gain.

This amount of representation may make constitutional convention easier to attain, and if this were to happen we could work for a better reapportionment section then.

In short, our league feels that this is the best deal we are likely to get.

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Signed: Mrs. Edwin R. Johnson

(name)

Unit #2
Richfield
(League)

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January 28, 1960

We should continue working for Reapportionment and Party Designation so that the public and League may follow actions of state legislators whenever Reapportionment is being discussed or a bill being voted on.

As stated in Democracy Denied June 1954, page 21, "In most states where concessions have been made to the area principle, they have been made with the purpose of securing greater recognition of the population principle."

Our central neighboring states have proved by example reapportionment is seldom to be accomplished without some compromise.

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Signed:

Mrs. Wm. J. Chapman
(name)

Richfield
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1 unit of Richfield League (Unit 3)

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of actively opposing Amendment 2. These 5
League members feel that because Amendment
2 does not fulfill league criteria, we should
not compromise. They feel that in 1970 will
probably be ^{the} such statutory reapportionment
and so League would have opportunity
to work for a reapportionment amendment at
that time.

One member feels the League should
do a Voter Service job only.

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7 members present

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Signed: *Therese A. Kodytke*
(name)

Richfield-Unit 4
(League)

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(name)

Richfield - Unit 6
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1. We feel that the enforcement procedure is not adequate.
2. The State area provisions are not specific enough.

We feel there is still a question as to whether the State area provisions are specific enough.

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Aune Smeltzly
(name)

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- we had 12 members at this unit meeting
- 7 voted to support Am. #2
 - 2 felt unqualified to vote
 - 3 voted against support of the Amendment.

I. Those who voted for the support of Amendment #2 gave the following reasons.

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1. Since League has worked so long for such an Amendment, it would certainly look bad for us now to oppose it.
 2. If League adheres to such rigid criteria we may deserve the label of being impossibly idealistic or unrealistic.

II Those who opposed support of the Amendment gave this reason.

1. If we can get a better amendment it is certainly worth struggling for a few more years.
2. We have such respect for the judgment of Mrs. Lane, that we feel if she opposes the amendment, she must feel that we can & should work for a better amendment.

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8 votes ☒ The League should actively support Amendment 2.

1 vote ☐ The League should actively oppose Amendment 2.

☐ The League should take no position on Amendment 2.

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Signed: Ruth Smith
(name)

Richfield
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Unit 10 had a total vote of 9 votes - The others felt they were too new to vote - (Memberships less than 2 mos) The majority felt this amendment very good and after so much work it would be futile to work for a more perfect Amendment - We also feel we have the best & most qualified & able people working on it now -

9 total
8 v.
1 oppose

One member felt we should strive for a more clarified, perfect bill - in the next legislative

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Signed: Mrs. Daniel Hart
(name)

Richfield
(League)

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(over for detailed explanation)

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- 1 person voted to support Amend. 2 because
there will be little or no chance of having
a better bill passed at a future date.
2 voted against because it does not meet the
criteria set forth by the League, and
in 10 years there would be a better
chance of getting what we want.
4 felt we should take no position because
we (our unit, that is) have not
studied the bill enough to ~~give an~~
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Signed: Mrs. Mildred Johnson (name) Richfield, Minn (League)

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Signed: Mary Jane Samples (name) Richfield (League)

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(name)

Robbinsdale
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Unit #1 is in favor of actively opposing Amendment #2 because:

The wording of the Constitution as it stands seems more fair and flexible than the wording of the proposed amendment.

As the proposed amendment now stands it does not provide equal representation in either the House or the Senate,

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It was a unanimous vote to
work actively against Amendment 2.

Reasons follow:

✓ (1. Enforcement machinery would
not guarantee fair apportionment. Those
legislators who did not have majority
expenses could outwait those who
could not commute daily to the Capital.)

2. The size of the legislature would
be increased.

3. The area factor was not defined
& therefore the Senate could do any-
thing it so desired.

4. With the statement that Mrs.
Stanley Kane, who is better informed
on reapportionment than anyone else
in the state, was not supporting the
amendment, the unit as a whole
felt ~~the need~~ a future amendment
could ~~offer~~ a more fair apportionment.

It was also the opinion of the
unit that a future bill could
well consider setting up a bipartisan
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Signed: *Mrs. Lester K. Anderson* ^{unit 111} *Robbinsdale*
(name) (League)

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Our consensus was based on the following:-

The League has been instrumental in bringing the reapportionment problem to the attention of public & Legislature alike.

If we have come this far since studying this item in 1953, why lower our standards now and settle for something second rate.

There will be more chances of getting a better amendment in future sessions due to better informed legislators & more interested (we hope) citizens

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Signed: Mrs. James H. Watson
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Rochester
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The remaining eight voted "no action" with the League doing a Voter's Service job. Opinion was that this would do a better job for both the League and the public. The objections were 1) lack of judicial review, 2) lack of EXECUTIVE VETO, ^{and} 3) the vague wording "representation in the Senate shall be apportioned in a manner which will be fair representation to all parts of the state".

Wish we knew how Mrs. Kane feels!!

Unit 3

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Signed: Mary Jane Aickert
(name)

Rochester Minnesota (Unit 3)
(League)

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for both rural and urban areas. And since the group
(Unit 3) felt that it was difficult to satisfy all that the
at least, would be one step forward in the reapportionment
solution. The group also felt that the League should definitely
make a stand — either pro or con — and our unit 3
strongly urges that the positive side be taken.

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Signed: Mrs. Carl M. Johnson (name) Unit 6 - Rochester (League)

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Unit 6 felt that the amendment isn't exactly as the League desires but is a good compromise and so should be actively supported by the League. We realize that compromise is necessary in legislative matters.

Some members felt that "fair representation to all parts of the state" wasn't a clear statement. Some thought that the members of the legislature should be compensated for the time spent on "honest work" - Others felt that no compensation would expedite reapproprating.

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Signed: M. Katharine Smith
(name)

Unit 7, Rochester League
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(name) (League)

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Unit #8 feels the League should take no
position on amendment 2. We feel, instead,
the League could do a Voters Service job by
supplying information to the public, neither
supporting nor opposing the Amendment ourselves.
After many years of hard work on the part of the League
for re-apportionment, we believe Amendment 2
is a step forward -- it obviously does not
fulfill League Criteria, however. What
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Laurella N. McGhie
(name)

Unit #10 Rochester Minnesota
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Amendment does not completely meet
the League criteria; but voted to
actively support it because it
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(permanent) bringing about periodic
reapportionment.

We feel that (if this amendment
is defeated the lawmakers will
feel that the voters are not really
interested in reapportionment) and
it will take a lot of time and effort
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Signed: Irma B. W. Quipps
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Unit 11 Rochester
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State Board

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th and Washington Avenues, S. E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Inasmuch as the State Board has invited individual opinion as well as unit and local Board opinions concerning whether the League should actively support or oppose Constitutional Amendment #2, may I file my opinion that the League should actively oppose Amendment #2, mainly for these reasons:

1. The articles concerning reapportionment in the present Minnesota Constitution provide that reapportionment in both houses shall be on the basis of population. Amendment #2, if passed, would introduce an area factor into the constitutional method of Senate redistricting. If such a basic change is to be adopted into the Constitution its wording should be specific enough to insure fairness and enforceability and yet enough flexibility to meet at least a century of change in the state. The language of Amendment #2 does not guarantee this.
2. The legislature having reapportioned the state in the 1959 session, to become effective in the 1962 elections, and there being five legislative sessions before the next Federal census and hence five opportunities to pass a superior constitutional amendment on reapportionment eliminates any necessity for individuals and organizations working toward furthering sound principles of government to compromise at this date.
3. The entire wording which will appear on the ballot in the general election in November, 1960 concerning Amendment #2 is as follows:

"Shall the Constitution of the State of Minnesota be amended by repealing Article IV, Sections 23 and 24 and amending Article IV, Section 2 pertaining to the reapportionment of representation in the Senate and the House of Representatives, and providing for the calling of an extraordinary session for reapportionment upon failure to reapportion at any regular session, as provided by this Constitution?

Yes.....

No..... "

The fact that the wording of Amendment #2 itself is not to be stated on the ballot and the fact that the wording which will appear does not

imply the total content of Amendment #2 is unfair to voters.

4. The reverse method of redistricting having been the tradition, area-population reapportionment in the Senate and population reapportionment in the House would require drastic redistricting. Multiple-county districts would then be the rule in both houses--destroying one valid reason for a bicameral legislature.
5. The failure of Amendment #2 to set standards ~~for~~ equality of representation according to population or to provide for a disinterested body to review the extent to which such standards are met or to specify maximum permissible variation from the ideal does not meet the criteria of a "guarantee".
6. The failure of Amendment #2 to state specifically that within its area-modifications for Senate representation apportionment according to population will be observed and the further failure to provide for a limit on deviations does not ensure fair modifications. Even taking into consideration the "political necessity" of a compromise concerning the five-county metropolitan area representation, loss of any future flexibility in per cent of representation for at least 60% of the state's population (estimated per cent of population in metropolitan area by 1970) is not desirable.
7. A special session for which legislators are not compensated places outstate legislators under an economic pressure which may not be felt by some metropolitan legislators who may gain their livelihoods concurrently with fulfilling their legislative duties. The question of a rural-urban relationship being inextricably bound into the decisions that would be before the legislature in such a special session makes this pressure a discriminatory one, and hence, a special session for which legislators are not compensated is not a fair enforcement procedure.
8. In instances when a special session to consider tax or appropriations measures might be of extreme urgency, a special session to reapportion would have the priority of constitutional provision.
9. The failure of the amendment to specifically provide for judicial review and its elimination of the executive power of veto seriously weakens our basic governmental system of checks and balances.
10. The part of the Constitution which sets forth the principle of staggered Senate elections would be repealed by Amendment #2, and, although the Senate has not honored this constitutional requirement, it is in the interests of the people that this principle be observed.
11. The Committee appointed by the Governor prior to the 1959 session, and representing both houses, both parties, both rural and urban

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people, and experts and citizens' groups, including the League, having reached agreement on the essentials of the "County Representation Plan" (passed by the House in the 1959 session) attests to the fact that a more precise amendment is possible even within the limits of diverse interests.

Inasmuch as the League of Women Voters is an organization devoted to inquiry, decision, and leadership, and is well-informed on the proposed constitutional amendment, it is my opinion that the League should take an active position. The goal of the League being excellence of government, may I urge the Board to actively oppose Constitutional Amendment #2 and work toward an amendment which will more nearly guarantee fair reapportionment in the future in Minnesota. Inasmuch as the consequences of this amendment, if passed, may apply for centuries ahead it seems to me that active opposition by the League is of utmost importance.

Sincerely,

Marion Keith

(Mrs. A. M. Keith)

405 14th Avenue, S. E.
Rochester, Minnesota

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3519 6th. Place N. W.
Rochester, Minnesota
January 28, 1960

League of Women Voters State Board
15th. and Washington Ave. S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Board Members:

As an individual member of the Rochester League, I want to express my opposition to the stand that was taken by the majority of our units when they voted to support the reapportionment amendment.

As I am new to the League (I have been a member only one year), I am not aware of whether or not minority reports are in order. However, I feel so strongly on this issue that I must register my protest--if just to clear my own troubled conscience.

There are several points in the proposed amendment which are so potentially damaging that I believe it should be defeated and with full League support. In the first place, it is disturbing to discover, as the "Minnesota Voter" pointed out, that the legislation passed under the provisions of the amendment would not be subject to the governor's veto. Whatever the intent of this is, I do not pretend to know. However, I cannot see why legislation dealing with reapportionment should remain outside of the "checks and balances" protection so basic to our form of government.

Secondly, the limitation of the metropolitan area to 35 % of the seats in the Senate regardless of the population in that area is a blatant insult to representative government. At the present rate of growth, by 1970--the time that the amendment would go into effect--this % would be inadequate. Beyond that date, this five county area could look forward only to gross under-representation.

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Thirdly, I believe that asking legislators to serve in a special session of the legislature without pay is a bad feature of the proposed amendment. (Our legislators are poorly enough paid without serving extra duty for nothing. Withholding pay should not be used as a lever on representatives. The ramifications of this practice could be serious, indeed, and very costly to the democratic process.)

Lastly, the wording on the ballot concerning the amendment will be misleading, to say the least. The voter whose only understanding of the amendment will come from the words on the ballot will never realize the true intent of the amendment. It sounds harmless enough in this oversimplified version.

This reapportionment amendment appears to have too many faults for the League to be able to support it. When there are almost ten years in which to work for a better one, why compromise and give up the fight now?

Yours very truly,
Lois Geist
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ROSEVILLE
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(name)

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January 29, 1960

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA:

The Roseville board has voted to recommend that the League actively oppose Amendment #2. Three of our ten units voted to actively support the amendment, four voted to actively oppose it, one unit was split between those two positions and two units said that they would rather take no position.

This consensus was very difficult for us, as we took it in a month that we were discussing the local item and the units were sending in suggestions for a new local agenda. As you know, we have only one meeting a month for each unit, which never leaves enough time on any level. It was our opinion that we would be unable to get anyone out to discuss this at a membership meeting as we have kept our members quite busy this fall. I am explaining this to perhaps qualify the answers of our units.

Last January we had three very successful and thorough consensus meetings, conducted in a way which enabled us to get most of our members out. With this in mind, I felt that our members were well enough informed that a reminder to read the last two Voters would bring them up to date.

I believe that the consensus last year gave a clear-cut idea of our criteria for a reapportionment amendment and that it was not necessary for another consensus to be taken. The purpose of that consensus, as I understood it, was to enable the State board to judge an amendment by that criteria.

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Roseville LWV

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While there may be loopholes and inequities in this amendment, I'm willing to support it rather than have the LWV term "obstructive" and "non-cooperative" with legislators who have certainly worked long and hard for this much. Perhaps we can keep on working for changes within the law or better interpretation after it goes into effect, but at least, let's be cooperative.

ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE
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The result of the consensus of our board
members is that we should actively support
✓ Amendment #2. However we feel this is
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Last evening our League held a general meeting to make a decision on this item. He invited an unformed guest to talk with us for a time, - then we dismissed him and conducted our own meeting. It was well attended by representatives from all units, occupations, and political leanings.

I wish to tell you that never have our members come better prepared to discuss a subject. I can't remember ever having a more exhilarating meeting of discussion, never have we had a more soul-searching exchange of opinions, - and from the results, seldom could a consensus be so unanimous. In short, - I feel that for once everyone was vitally aware of the League of Women Voters, its meaning, opportunities & obligations ^{to} the people.

I am sending you the answers written by voting members. If you care to scan them you can see the depth of the discussion. The gist of the final decision seemed to be - if we endorse it, and it is passed, - we are through. ^{have an opportunity to get} Never will we ~~get~~ a better job done. And (how can we in good faith endorse a work so obviously lacking in good principles. We have an obligation to the public to promote good government, - this is not an example. And if this fails, - there will surely be more groups joining us within 10 years, - the work will not have been in vain.)

Obviously, - should the State Board endorse the amendment, - I would not feel ~~in~~ able to ask my League to support it. He could do Voters service on it only.

JESSIE HARPER

Amendment #2:

I reject this amendment on the basis that it does not seem actually clear; not tangible enough. Perhaps this is one of those "noble" efforts which keep our vote in blossom and therefore has served a purpose, however non-concrete.

J. Bullard

NO!

Oppose Amendment #2.

League should point out unacceptable points such as enforcement methods and correct definition of statements, so that the work of ^{last} years stay in the public mind as an issue for the coming year.

I don't vote to accept the amendment.

It does not fulfill any desired principle asked.

ST. CLOUD

As a league member, I must say, I am opposed to such an amendment, due to the generalized wording of "Five" representation (rather than popular or area), the limits of the 35% established for the five counties, and especially in view of the fact, that there does not seem to be the necessary "teeth" in the amendment — in other words, no adequate enforcement is evident.

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I would vote no. The L W V should
not support this amendment for
some of the following reasons:

1. poor enforcement provisions -
would much prefer to see adoption
of the citizen-legislator ^{committee} enforce-
ment provisions
2. actually no more adequate than
the present constitution, in fact,
if passed may be worse than
the present constitutional provisions
3. Too specific as to the five counties
in the metropolitan area
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to interpret i.e. what is "fair
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6. I would like to hope that
in the time remaining before
1970 the HWV's and other
citizen groups would be able to encour-
age the legislators to submit
a more workable and palatable
amendment.

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St. Cloud

ST. CLOUD

Does not support —

The amendment is too loosely worded; it should be more specific as to who shall call the special session, a time limit for it, does governor have veto power or not, needs better enforcement provision, "no pay" seems childish.

It seems that we can get some water education from the discussion of this amendment and perhaps get a better amendment before 1971. It is too bad that we can't support this whole - heartedly

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The League should actively be
opposed to passage of Amendment No. 2.
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not have "teeth" to enforce it.
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I am opposed to
supporting the amendment
as it is proposed at
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I suggest we actually oppose this Amendment on the grounds it is too vaguely worded, There seems to be too many loopholes in it, However we must consider this Amendment may be better than nothing.

I cannot support Amendment 2. I definitely believe that reapportionment is a burning need in Minnesota, but I do not believe it is any better than what is provided by the constitution.

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No!

Upon consideration, it would appear that the Citizen-Legislature report is a compromise effected by 27 diverse, but conscientious people.

In comparing the 2 pieces, -
the amendment is slovenly,
almost an intentional fraud.
Why can't legislators accept a
compromise that 27 on the
committee have accepted?

Not acceptable - oppose.
Too many vague statements
Who is to enforce this?

No - I do not feel the L.W.V.
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it is my decision to take a stand
against Amendment # 2 ---

ST. CLOUD

for this reason that:

that a lack of a "tight" enforcement
Provisions is definitely lacking.
And considering recommendations of
Citizen legislature committee
it seems plausible to infer
that this omission implies an intent
to use loopholes to not reappear
in future.

However I also feel that
the League should consider the
actualization of an amendment
Exposition & victory & take
fullest advantage to use it
as a focal point to make
a strong case for the future.

M. Lieberman

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somethingⁱⁿ which I cannot believe.
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I vote "No" in regard to Amend. 2. Because it doesn't seem to fill the purpose for which it was intended. The wording is ambiguous and there are no sufficient enforcement provisions. It seems to be a slowly work compared to the specific recommendations of the Citizens Committee on Reapportionment presented to the 1959 session. I am definitely in favor of Reapportionment but not of the amendment as stated.

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Mrs. M. Jude

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I think we should
oppose Amendment 2
because of the unworkability
of this amendment. This
amendment is no better
than the present constitution
as far as carrying it out
is concerned.

It is very good that the
amendment has come to the
attention of the voters and
we must do our utmost
to inform the voters why
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~~In the future, the League should be more
flexible in its attitude, we feel we should have
been more "and more" in the future~~

We don't feel the League criteria has been too
rigid and after all our years of hard work and
study we hate to see the League compromise
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Signed: Mrs. Lester Strouse Jr.
(name)

St. Paul - unit 8
(League)

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Feel the amendment goes too far afield
from League criteria, that League
position would not be strong enough
unless we actively oppose amendment—
however we must be very specific in
stating why we oppose, ~~and~~ what part of
the amendment is acceptable, + what we
feel a minimum amendment should
contain.

ST. PAUL

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Signed: Mrs. J. P. Dwyer
(name)

St. Paul League Unit #12
(League)

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opinion.

The members present, 13, all agreed the league
✓ as an organization (must actively support Amendment
#2 or "lose a great deal of face") and would
hurt the organization. It is a start in the
right direction. When we first started supporting
amendments, was when we started to lose ground
on achieving Constitutional Revision. If this
Amendment proves to need revision, it can then
be brought back to the voters.

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Unit 14

Voted on Amendment 2

7 yea

2 no.

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UNIT 16 - St. Paul

(League)

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Unit felt that the league had worked too long
for reapportionment to compromise our estab-
lished criteria at this point. There was also
considerable feeling that a "no opinion" position
would be very weak and that to provide
Voters Service would in some way amount to
implicit support. It was the unanimous
feeling of the 10 members present that the
League of Women Voters of Minnesota should
actively oppose Amendment 2.

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Signed: Ann Krovitz Unit 18
(name) (League)

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Since the provision of this bill will not be implemented until 1972, it was felt that the League should work for a better bill that would more closely fulfill the criteria set up by the League. We should definitely take a stand against this bill because of the weakness of the enforcement provisions, and the limitation of ~~urban~~ representation in the Senate.

Unit #20
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Signed: Elizabeth B. Berg St. Paul

(name)

(League)

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In Unit # 20 the consensus was to
oppose Amendment # 2. The group
studied the July-Aug. Vote carefully
and seemed to read this conclusion
into in Mrs. Vance's summing up
paragraphs. They admire her
work immensely.

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Our unit feels unable to take a definite stand at this time on Amendment 2 because we do not understand the differences between the amendment and the League criteria. We would like discussions. Our Unit thought an explanation of the Amendment should have been given at the Dec. 11th Training Meeting.

(an explanation was given
that day.)

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of Minn. has supported & worked
so hard & long for reapportionment,

we should support Amendment II
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might be improved.

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Signed: Unit 24 (name) _____ (League) _____

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Unit 24 feels that amendment 2 as so
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meet league criteria for reapportionment.
We agree in our unit that as
so stated it should be actively
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Mrs. W. E. Terrais unit ltr.

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Maverette Stanford
(name)

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We feel we are denying our responsibility if we take any ~~other~~ course other than actively opposing the amendment. The amendment does not meet the criteria set up by the League. Our previous association with reapportionment may give some of the general public the impression that ^{the} amendment, because it deals with reapportionment, has the support of the League. Therefore our objections should be voiced. Representation of a large part of the urban population is frozen in the Senate. If possible reapportionment should be taken out of the legislature's hands.

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Mrs Dan Casey
(name)

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota

SO. ST. PAUL

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Signed: Mrs. Rodman Little
(name)

So. St. Paul
(League)

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January 29, 1960
South St. Paul, Minn

The opinion of the South Park League unit was to actively support ammendment # 2. In all probably we would not get what we ask for but good chance that we would get part.

Our unit especially liked the third paragraph of the ammendment.

Your truly

Bette Little

Unit Ch. South Park

South St. Paul, Minn.

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Signed:

Mrs. Fred C. Jones
(name)

So. St. Paul
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Signed: Lorraine Stogren # So. St. Paul Unit #4

(name)

(League)

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The feeling was a step in the right direction is better than no progress at all. Perhaps selfishly we realize our section of Dakota County will be getting one of those extra representatives.

We also feel that no stand at all would not speak well of an organization which has studied reapportionment for so many years.

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- 1 supports*
6 oppose

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Signed: Ms Jane Z. Seigel (name) #3 Virginia (League)

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✓ It is not strong enough. There is too much
compromise with this amendment.

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2 accept compromise
7 sit it out
Let's
K ✓

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Signed: Mrs. Thomas Bonner
(name)

Virginia
(League)

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it doesn't meet standards league has
set up, better to wait two years when
perhaps more effective legislation will
be introduced which will meet standards

Two board members felt that although
this amendment does not meet league
standards that it is better than nothing
and perhaps better to accept compromise

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Signed: _____ (name) Virginia Unit 1 (League)

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with 1 Dissenting Vote

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Unit One will not actively oppose
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actively support it. It doesn't reach
our Criteria, or does it come up
to the Standards of the League.

We had one dissenting vote.

This member felt a compromise
would be better than nothing.

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✓ Because the amendment does not meet League standards or criteria, we should actively oppose Amendment 2 and continue to work for a more explicit amendment. We fear that passage of this amendment may delay reapportionment indefinitely.

NOV 30 1959

Reapportionment
Concurrence
Wayzata
WAYZATA

November 30, 1959

League of Women Voters
15th and Washington, S. E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Mesdames:

At the first fall meeting of our two units, the program was devoted to a review of existing election laws and election law changes of the last legislature. We also discussed the proposed amendments, particularly Amendment No. 2.

We have reached a decision in regard to the latter. Our League objects to many of the features contained within the amendment, but are most strongly opposed to the following:

1. Increase in the size of the House.
2. Introduction of other factors rather than population for reapportioning senatorial districts.

In the July-August MINNESOTA VOTER a program of voter service was given as a possible course of action. We feel that this is our answer at the present time, hoping that when the public becomes better informed with the shortcomings of this amendment, we will have a better chance of obtaining an amendment which will fulfill our criteria.

Yours very truly,

Bernice M. Anderson

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Wayzata League

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Signed: Mrs. John W. Nelson
(name)

Wells
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15 no votes
5 no stand (all new members)

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(Most of our members were against supporting amendment 2.) They felt we should stand by our Constituents for the amendment, although I know a number of our members don't support the League stand either. They felt our rural areas merit be as well represented as they should be. But I think what one member said represents our feeling - (This is a first step - let's keep working for the best way.)

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West St. Paul
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Signed: Mrs. Margaret R. Blair (name) West St. Paul (League)

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Members in attendance (6) of Mendota Heights Unit.

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We felt Amendment 2 should be opposed because the enforcement provision lacks any kind of impartial review.

We also object to the vagueness of "representation in the Senate shall be apportioned in a manner which will be fair representation to all parts of the state".

Our decision to take a negative stand on the Amendment was admittedly influenced by the passage of the reapportionment statute. Knowing a reapportionment would take place, we felt justified in using more time to arrive at a satisfactory Amendment.

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Signed: Beverly Hauke (name) W. St. Paul (League)

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Signed: Mrs. Robert C. Johnson
(name)

Unit 2
(League)

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On the basis of what we know about the situation, we voted for the amendment. (7 members present)

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Signed: Betty S. Malone
(name)

W. St. Paul - Unit 10
(League)

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Dear Judy,

Our unit felt that this amendment would be outdated by 1970 + that possibly there was hope for a better system passing in future sessions; therefore, inactivity would be the best policy.

Sincerely,
Betty Malone

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Signed: Mrs. Betty Frost

(name)

Unit 5 - West St. Paul

(League)

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and close to the criteria.

By not supporting this bill, we
probably would give up all chances
of getting through a reappor-
tionment bill of any kind -

Unit I

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Signed: Wilma MacKnight President White Bear Lake
(name) (League)

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Signed: Ruth Mattlin
(name)

White Bear Lake
(League) Bald Eagle I

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we do not wish to support amendment

II.

we believe we should do a voters service
job in working for a better amendment, that
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Signed: Margaret Gallie

(name)

White Bear Lake

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Bald Eagle II

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because League has been pushing reapportionment
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We would save face by supporting this - as
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Signed:

Lil Lucka

White Bear Lake

White Bear Lake (name) unit

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7 members attending meeting

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This unit feels that any action
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"some face" League should support
this #2 amendment.

Lil Luoka

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Margaret Peterson
(name)

White Bear League (North Oaks)
(League) (Morningland)

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Had the statute been contingent on passage of the amendment our answer would have been different. Since we now have five legislative sessions to get a better amendment and since for the reasons listed below* we feel that amendment #2 falls much too short of league criteria we vote to oppose the amendment. (The group feels strongly that once ^{thoughtful} criteria are set before the legislators and the public, major modifications of them cast doubt on the validity and usefulness of future league criteria.) The group felt that a neutral position would limit effectiveness of education ~~when~~ especially in view of the fact that we felt so strongly against the amendment.

* ① Lack of specificity in "area" apportionment of Senate would mean: a possibility that legislators might decide on "frozen" districts means league criterion of flexibility is not met

② Citizen approval may be difficult to get if amendment is not clear & specific.

③ Legislators have more latitude to argue & delay

② Regarding the enforcement procedure, although we feel that realistically speaking our legislature will not, in the foreseeable future, turn the machinery over to any other body we'd like, at least to see a time limit put on the extraordinary session. We also wonder if legislators serving without pay could be challenged as unconstitutional.

③ Re the "population" provision for the house, there seems no improvement over the present provision. If more specific written guarantees cannot be made (such as limit on deviation) at least we should hold out for immediate judicial review ~~for~~ (we feel the pending court case is not sufficiently grounded to constitute jud. review)

Dissenters to the group opinion did so with the feeling that we should support the amendment while the ^{issue} was still so much in the public mind on the grounds that this amendment is better than none and there is no real guarantee that will set a better one.

WHITE BEAR LAKE

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Signed: Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
(name)

White Bear Lake
(League)

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Active support: Obviously the amendment doesn't meet League standards. Within the unit the opinion was undecided as to whether this was better than nothing or to wait and try again. However, since it is so at variance with the League's criteria, it was decided that it would be best not to actively support it.

Active opposition: Since the League has been so active in this field and so associated with reapportionment in the public's mind, it was felt that it would be hard to explain why the League was actively against it.

*Take no position: This was felt best, however the unit wanted the League to be active in explaining the complicated ramifications of the amendment. It was pointed out that in being just a source of information, the League would appear to be in fact against the amendment; however this was felt to be all right.

One other pertinent point was brought out: Just what, in light of practical politics in Minnesota could be accomplished in a new amendment that isn't in this one? Most of the discussion material centered around ideal arrangements, i.e. population in the Senate, area in the House; a non-legislative authority either to do reapportionment or to force its being done; etc. However, on closer scrutiny it appears that neither of these ideals has any chance of being used in Minnesota. The unit's conclusion that about the only practical improvements that could be made would be to put a 7% deviation on population in the House, put a time limit on a special session, and perhaps have judicial review or a veto by the governor. There didn't really seem to be any concrete suggestions offered for the Senate other than increasing the metropolitan 7%, which seems doubtful, or having a 7% deviation for the remaining Senate districts. Most of the unit felt it was worthwhile holding out for these improvements, however, they felt limiting the League's efforts to the practical rather than insisting on the ideal would be best.

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White Bear Lake
(League) Sunrise unit

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We were most undecided.

Only 4 people attended our meeting.
one was for it - another against it -
and the other two would not give
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Our unit was unanimous in the feeling that Amend. #2 fell short of fulfilling League Criteria to such an extent that to actively support it would be impossible. In addition, they felt that the Criteria should not be ignored because all points are important ^{and that} any good amendment should fulfill these requirements.

The group felt that the present amendment was very weak in enforcement machinery ^{and} entirely too unspecific in its area provision to be acceptable.

The minority votes for opposition to the amendment were based on the feeling that we owed the public an informed opinion to guide their voting.

Those voting to "take no position" said they were anxious to avoid antagonizing the legislators who worked to give us the amendment. Also, some were concerned about the public opinion factor, realizing that many people are apt to question what appears to be an "about face" ^{and} seldom look below the surface for the reasons.

Everyone agreed that League must do a good Voters Service job ^{and} supply as much information as possible in as many ways as possible in order to reach a large number of the people of the State.