

4. The General Assembly shall have full power, and it is hereby made the duty of the same to pass all laws necessary to carry out effectually the provisions of this article.

Pending the consideration of which,

The hour arrived for the consideration of the order of the day, being the report of the Committee on Rules.

It was taken up.

The question being on the amendment submitted by Mr. Hebb, to wit:

Strike out the 54th Rule and insert: The previous question shall be always in order in Convention, and shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present, and its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and to bring the Convention to a direct vote upon pending amendments, and the section of the Constitution then under consideration. On a motion for the previous question, and prior to the seconding of the same, a call of the Convention shall be in order, but after a majority shall have seconded such motion, no call shall be in order prior to a division of the main question; and on the previous question there shall be no debate.

By general consent, Mr. Hebb amended the amendment as follows:

Strike out the words "and the section of the Constitution then under consideration," and insert the words "and the special matter to which they relate."

Strike out the words "division of," and insert the words "vote upon."

Mr. Clarke submitted the following amendment to the amendment:

Strike out the words "special matter," and insert the words "distinct proposition."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment,

It was decided in the negative.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment submitted by Mr. Hebb,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Briscoe moved to refer the 54th Rule to the Committee on Rules;