

1 hopefully it would never have to be used. It would be  
2 used, I think, at the one particular where its use would  
3 be efficacious, in the closing days of this Convention  
4 when we are debating either on second or third reading,  
5 but certainly second reading and the minority, blessed  
6 with a stamina and lung power, could make an extended  
7 stand. In the ordinary legislative body it wouldn't  
8 make a great deal of difference, but when you have a dead-  
9 line, as we have, to get your work done, it would mean that  
10 in the end, provided the minority was determined enough  
11 and strong and persistent enough, the minority could  
12 require the majority to capitulate, compromise in a way that  
13 the majority otherwise might not want to compromise; but  
14 I think the ordinary case, most of the days of this Con-  
15 vention, if the delegate went over the fifteen-minute  
16 limit, very little would be done about it, and if he  
17 needed to get permission of the Convention, I am sure it  
18 would be given. The Congress of the United States has  
19 a similar rule in, I believe, the Committee of the Whole.  
20 For those reasons the Committee has urged or recommended  
21 the adoption of a new Rule 20(a).