

1 the way we propose it. The New York Convention is not
2 under a statutory deadline. They imposed a deadline on
3 themselves because they wanted to get the proposed new
4 Constitution on the ballot in the November elections. We
5 have a statutory deadline, whether it is December 12, 1967,
6 or January 12, 1968, and this rule would act as a prod
7 to the substantive committees to get their reports to the
8 Committee of the Whole by that date, which is just a little
9 over two months after we have begun here on September 12;
10 but I think there was some feeling initially in the Com-
11 mittee that this date was maybe a little too soon. With
12 more reflection about it, the more we found it was a sound
13 date; that all this rule would insure would be that the
14 report would get to the Committee of the Whole. Then we
15 would have extended debates, but there is, of course, an
16 escape clause. Obviously some committees will want to go
17 back and look at something else, or other committees for
18 good and sufficient reason will not be able to meet the
19 deadline; and if there is a good reason why a substantive
20 report should be received belatedly, the majority of the
21 delegates present and voting would have the power to