

1 rule is now drafted, when the previous question is moved,  
2 it takes down not only the pending question with respect  
3 to which the previous question has been moved, but it  
4 would take down all amendments on the Clerk's desk at that  
5 time. I think the purpose of the language, and I think  
6 here we drew from the Michigan Constitutional Convention,  
7 which in turn, I believe, drew from a peculiar provision  
8 of the Michigan Legislature, was to eliminate the pos-  
9 sibility of using a series of frivolous amendments to  
10 hold up debate. On the other hand, as Delegate Chabot  
11 pointed out, and the Committee unanimously agrees, if the  
12 previous question takes down everything, it means you  
13 wouldn't even have an opportunity to debate a very good  
14 amendment that you wanted to debate. There are other  
15 ways to avoid frivolous amendments. They can always be  
16 moved to be tabled. If that motion is not debatable on  
17 ballot, the Committee was of the view that the change sug-  
18 gested is one that should be adopted by the Convention.

19 That ends the specific recommendations that we  
20 offer today as far as the report, but I would just like  
21 in terms of amendments to the rules, I would just like to