

1 eliminate a possible interpretation that a section might
2 have to have 72 votes in order to be adopted. I suggest
3 therefore the division of the question in such a way that we
4 end up voting on a single section and requiring 72 votes is
5 contrary to the intent of our rules.

6 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate James.

7 DELEGATE JAMES: Delegate Chabot conceivably could
8 be right, but we cannot afford to gamble on this argument,
9 on the adoption of his argument. The legislation says each
10 article and each division, as I recall the words, must be
11 voted on separately. Now, if we don't have 72 votes for
12 this particular section if the question is divided and we
13 adopt the Constitution, it would certainly invite a lawsuit
14 when the people attacking the document can say that a sub-
15 stantial question in the adoption of the Constitution was not
16 adopted by 72 votes, and it is not a risk worth running.

17 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate James, I don't think
18 that is the point that Delegate Chabot has in mind. If I
19 follow his reasoning, it is that since we have amended Rule
20 59 so as not to require a vote by sections, he states for
21 the purpose of avoiding a necessity of having 72 votes on