

1 were a number of us the first time around on the Com-
2 mittee, a substantial majority, I guess all but one,
3 thought Senator Malkus's suggestion was a sound one.
4 This was the way it should have been done in the first
5 instance. However, I for one now recognize the wisdom
6 of the rule that required the proposed amendment to the
7 rules to lay over for two days. During the two full
8 sessions, actually almost three, since you had this pro-
9 posed change on Tuesday, it has been possible for myself
10 and other members of the Rules Committee to contact
11 especially chairmen of the substantive committees. We
12 understand that very few, as far as I can see no excep-
13 tions, it is a matter of indifference to them whether
14 the vice-chairmen are elected or whether appointed by the
15 President. This, then, removes one of the assumptions
16 upon which the rule change was made. The Committee
17 originally recommended the vice-chairmen be appointed
18 because this would possibly raise the hazard they may be in
19 a dispute with the Chairman; that they would be elected
20 by their peers. He would have been appointed by the
21 President. There might be a division of power there, and