

DELEGATE MORGAN: I yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: Delegate Morgan, I supported your point of view last time. I wonder what you are going to do now.

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: I am going to vote for the motion for reconsideration because I would like to get this question settled one way or the other.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: Thank you very much. Now I know what to do.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: Mr. Chairman, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE DELLA: When is it proper to ask for verification of the last roll call?

THE CHAIRMAN: I am not sure the Chair understands what you mean by "verification." You mean a copy of the roll call?

DELEGATE DELLA: No; a new roll call.

THE CHAIRMAN: A what?

DELEGATE DELLA: A new roll call of the membership.

THE CHAIRMAN: A quorum call? I am not sure I understand your inquiry.

DELEGATE DELLA: Under the Jeffersonian Rules and under Robert's Rules of Order on parliamentary procedure, it is always in order to ask for verification of the last roll call. I am wondering about the Eney Rules.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair does not believe that such a request is in order, in view of the fact that the vote was taken on the roll call on a verification of the vote. A delegate could not change his vote. It could not change the result.

The result was indicated on the board, and every delegate either has or will have a copy; and there would, therefore, be no purpose served in verification. The situation would be different if you took a vote orally.

DELEGATE DELLA: Will you give me where that rule is?

THE CHAIRMAN: If you mean will I quote you the rule, I will ask the parliamentarian if he can find it while we proceed to a discussion of the motion to reconsider.

Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE MASON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question to Delegate Dorsey.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dorsey, do you yield for a question?

DELEGATE DORSEY: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE MASON: Delegate Dorsey, you heard the question directed to Delegate Morgan by Delegate White, and Delegate Morgan answered that if he were voting for him, he would vote for reconsideration.

Now, I ask you what would you instruct the people who were voting for your position? Would you tell them to vote against reconsideration?

DELEGATE DORSEY: I am so confused by the ruling of the Chair — I have served in this House as a member of the legislature for eight years, four years across the hall in the Senate, and I have never in my lifetime heard such a ruling as the Chair just made.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mason, do you have any further inquiry?

*(Laughter.)*

Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: I have never heard of a legislative body—and certainly this is one, because we are not only legislating for today, but we are legislating for generations—where a tie vote could not be reconsidered.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is what is pending.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Well, I ask that a verification be taken of it first, at which time any member is privileged to change his vote. I refer you to Robert's Rules of Order.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have a paragraph that you can refer us to, and maybe save us time?

DELEGATE DORSEY: I do not even have the book here.

*(Laughter.)*