

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair regrets if that was the case. I tried to state very clearly that the vote was on the adoption of Committee Recommendation No. 1.

I agree with you that the procedure on the Committee Report differs from that of the Committee Recommendation, and there could have been this confusion. So that there will be no confusion, the Chair has indicated, and intends to take up each of the different recommendations as indicated on the Debate Schedule, disposing of each of them in order.

Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE MASON: Mr. Chairman, pursuing the question asked by Delegate Rybczynski, I would like you to explain why, after this Committee voted to strike out the word "not", they had to vote on the motion to amend, when we have not been following that procedure in the other amendments.

THE PRESIDENT: We have been following that procedure as to Committee Reports, not as to Committee Recommendations. Committee Recommendations embrace in each instance one article or part of an article of related sections. They are quite different from these series of recommendations which are, as the Chair interpreted them, and as I believe the Committee on Calendar did in preparing the Debate Schedule, separate recommendations, each of which can stand or fall alone. The Chair understood this in the discussion with the minority representatives at the time when the Debate Schedule was prepared, that each of these five recommendations would be submitted in order. The Chair did not anticipate that there would be any amendments offered to any of them, had not been advised of any. Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE MASON: I think it was the opinion of the minority that when we took a vote on the motion to strike, that would be the end of it.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair very clearly stated in presenting that motion that there would be a vote first on the motion to amend, and if it carried that the Chair would then submit Committee Recommendation No. 1. The Chair stated further at that time that if the motion to amend failed, the Recommendation would be submitted to a vote in the form submitted by the Committee. There was no objection at that time from any delegate to that procedure.

Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. President, I believe that you commented upon this, but I was confused at that time, and I am confused now.

Would it not be in order, Mr. President, to call for a reconsideration of the vote of the Committee of the Whole on EB-1 as amended, without getting back to the amendment to the Committee Report EB-1?

THE PRESIDENT: I am not sure I understood your question. Would you state that again? Would it be in order to move to reconsider what?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: The question is, Mr. President, could we not move for reconsideration of the action of the Committee of the Whole on EB-1 as amended, namely, the 68 to 68 vote, without going all the way back to the previous vote, that is, the original Amendment No. 1 to Committee Report EB-1?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, indeed, if that was the motion, but that was not the motion. The motion was to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, and the Chair ruled that in order to do that, that the motion would have to embrace both votes. The mover of the motion obviously did not desire to submit a motion in the form suggested by you. It would have been in order. Is there a further question, Delegate Johnson?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. President, so do I take it that if we pass this particular motion, I believe the motion by Delegate Gallagher, that the motion that I propose would be in order subsequently, or for that matter is it in order now if it is withdrawn?

THE PRESIDENT: I do not think it is in order now in view of the pending motion. It certainly would be if the pending motion were not adopted.

Let the Chair make this perfectly clear: The control of the Debate Schedule, and the order in which matters are considered by the Convention or by the Committee of the Whole, is in the control of this Convention. It is not in the control of the Chair nor of the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

In order to facilitate the work of the Convention, the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda, and the Chair, the President of the Convention, do work out a schedule in advance to carry on the debates in accordance with what