

How in heaven's name can we progress with the matters of the Convention unless reasonable men sit down and give a little.

Judah P. Benjamin said in 1850 at the Louisiana Constitutional Convention: "How can you induce those with whom you disagree to change their opinions if you announce in advance that you are irrevocably wedded to yours?"

I will commend the effort of the Chair and the delegates in their attempt to work out what I hope will be a successful compromise and let the Convention go on with the good work it has been doing.

THE CHAIRMAN: The question arises on the motion that the Committee of the Whole rise.

For what purpose does Delegate White rise?

DELEGATE WHITE: Point of information.

I wonder if this meeting will be open to the rest of the delegates.

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: I would hope that the delegates would permit the Committee to meet among themselves and without any interference or suggestion from other delegates. This is the only possible way that the twenty members of the Committee can come to an agreement. If all the delegates are going to attend the session, then we might as well not have a separate meeting of the Committee.

DELEGATE WHITE: Are you suggesting, Mr. Chairman, that delegates should refrain from going, sitting, and observing?

THE CHAIRMAN: I certainly am.

For what purpose does Delegate Della rise?

DELEGATE DELLA: A parliamentary inquiry.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your inquiry.

DELEGATE DELLA: I think under our rules we have controlled time and uncontrolled time. Inasmuch as you have ordered the Executive Committee back into session, are we then under a controlled time again on their report, or uncontrolled time when we return to the chamber?

THE CHAIRMAN: We will resume under the debate schedule. We have finished the debate on the controlled time. We would have the uncontrolled time.

DELEGATE DELLA: We now possibly will have a new proposal that may come out of the Committee. It may be entirely different from their original report. Does that controlled time still apply?

THE CHAIRMAN: It would not apply.

DELEGATE DORSEY: A parliamentary inquiry.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Do I have three minutes to speak on the motion to recess?

THE CHAIRMAN: It is not debatable. The Chair has permitted discussion, but it is not debatable.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Delegate Mal-kus has had the time.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair permitted the discussion. It should not have done so. The motion is not debatable.

The question arises on the motion to rise. All in favor signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

*(Whereupon, at 11:07 A.M., the Committee of the Whole rose, and the Convention reconvened.)*

*(The mace was replaced by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)*

## PLENARY SESSION

NOVEMBER 28, 1967—11:07 A.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,  
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: I move that we recess for one hour.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: I want to announce that the Committee on the Executive Branch will meet in the committee room immediately following the recess.

THE PRESIDENT: Let me say to you that the warning bell will be sounded fif-