

would get a better result if we allowed the three who are elected to sit as a committee and make this determination for us. The only real objection that I have heard so far is that it would impede the progress of our operation, and it would seem disruptive. I do not believe that the following people who are in this hall today and those who will be elected by us would try to impede the process. They have from now until September 12 to make this determination. This does not take away from the president his power to appoint all the employees. It does not take away from the president his power to appoint, with the clearance of the committee chairman, the employees of the committee; it does not take away from the president his right to be presiding officer day by day and make those kind of administrative decisions, and it does not take away his right to establish salary structure for employees of this Convention. I urge support of this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Henderson.

DELEGATE HENDERSON: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I call your attention to the fact that the rule as unanimously adopted by the Committee calls for consultation with the two vice-presidents in any appointment to be made by the president. This change in the rule provides that in effect the President's selection can be vetoed by the two vice-presidents. Now that seems to me to be a thoroughly undesirable principle. I fail to see that that is democracy in its workings. That is the very thing which we see is a limitation of authority within the Committee itself, the very thing which has brought criticism on the federal government mentioned in the present Constitution.

It seems to me that we must leave the selection to the president. I believe that is the procedure in all legislative bodies. I believe it is the procedure in the House and Senate, that the presiding officer selects the members of the committees and the chairmen of those committees, and this change in the rules as proposed would place a veto power upon his selection. He would not only have to consult with the two vice-presidents as now required in the proposed rules, but he could be overruled by them. I think that is undesirable.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? The Chair recognizes—

DELEGATE GILL: Rubye Gill from Baltimore City, Fourth District. I might consult with everybody in here about any particular issue, but I might not follow

anybody's advice, and for the reasons given by Delegate Sickles, which need not be repeated, I would like to second the amendment of Delegate Willoner.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Anderson.

DELEGATE ANDERSON: I would like to offer an amendment to the amendment. I do not know just how to proceed to do that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Anderson wants to offer an amendment to the amendment. It is difficult to do this verbally. However, we can listen and find out what the delegate wants to do.

DELEGATE ANDERSON: It is very short. Rule 5: "After appointment," on the fourth line of the first sentence, the words, "subject to the confirmation of each committee by a majority of the Convention."

Now, the purpose of that, as has been stated before is to give due consideration to the fact that we are all elected to represent the people. It seems to me that when the delegates of this Convention delegate their authority to one person or three to make all of the committee appointments, they are somewhat shirking their responsibility to see that we get proper committee assignments and people on those committees. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: The discussion now is on an amendment to the amendment offered by Delegate Anderson. The Chair recognizes the delegate from Prince George's.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Mr. Sickles would like to rise in opposition to the amendment to the amendment. It seems to me we have to recognize the basic problem, and that is if we were to require the confirmation of the full body to the appointment of these chairmen, we would not do this until we came back in September. This is the basic problem that we have. I would not want to defer in any way the appointment of these committee chairmen. I thought Delegate Willoner's proposal was really a middle ground from this extreme of having the entire body approve or leaving it up to the one individual president. That is one reason why I supported it.

THE CHAIRMAN: The question now is on the amendment to the amendment. All in favor, say Aye; opposed, No. The Noes seem to have it. The Noes have it.

Any further discussion on the amend-