

and since this amendment has such a far-reaching effect, I suggest that when a vote is taken on this amendment, it be by a roll call vote and thereby give all of my friends a voice.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair will take the recommendation under consideration.

DELEGATE WILLONER: Mr. Chairman, I unfortunately have to operate without the microphone. The historical similes that Mr. Scanlan seeks to use by saying that organizations have some method of checking appointment power for the purpose of committee chairmanships is not altogether correct. This morning before I decided I was going to offer this, I went through the British system and I assume that we are closer to a parliamentary system. Since we do not have a true executive or what we call separation of power, and there are checks and balances within the parties, caucuses, the committee chairmen work and decide ahead of time. There are all kinds of ways of working this out.

If this will be under the proposed rule, not the amendment, one man deciding the entire Convention make-up can, if he so chooses, and I hope this is not the case, staff this Convention with his own committees. He can staff every committee with the kind of people he wants, to bring out the kinds of proposals he wants.

Even though the majority want it that way, I feel this would be a danger. I do not see any harm in the rule at all, because let's hope we get a harmonious group and, if we do, they will work it out by consultation.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate—

DELEGATE ROSENSTOCK: Benjamin Rosenstock, Frederick County.

THE CHAIRMAN: The delegate has the floor and a parliamentary inquiry is in order.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: That is essentially my point. I just wanted to answer that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Rosenstock.

DELEGATE ROSENSTOCK: Mr. President, if this body is to select a president in whom they have confidence, whom they will expect to lead this Convention to a successful fruition, then we must have confidence in that man or one to select committees that will aid him in carrying on our work. I am opposed to the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate—

DELEGATE CHABOT: My name is Chabot, from Montgomery County. I would like to comment briefly on two of the arguments that were presented. We were told when the rules were first brought before us that they were patterned upon Michigan and we are now told that we should not adopt a certain amendment because it was in the Michigan set of rules.

I am not sure under these circumstances whether Michigan is a good example in favor of a provision of these rules or an example against a provision of these rules. I do not know whether Michigan worked. Evidently, it is more useful for us to consider what would work here.

As to the question of a triumvirate, I think that the argument that Mr. Scanlan made makes sense, if you assume that the one man elected to be president would be someone who has the considerations of the Convention at heart and that the two who are elected as vice-presidents are elected for purposes other than perhaps presiding over the Convention and responsibly participating in the work of the Convention. If we assume that we will elect responsible people as vice-presidents, then I think a triumvirate can be trusted more than one man.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: A parliamentary inquiry. May we adopt a rule where a motion to move the previous question would be in order?

THE CHAIRMAN: I think a motion for the previous question is in order.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: With the history and efficiency and the various arguments made pro and con, I think at this time we can decide by calling a roll for a vote on the previous question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. President, I yield to Mr. Rybczynski before the previous question.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Delegate Rybczynski, First District, Baltimore City. Mr. Chairman, it occurs to me that it is well that this discussion takes place at this time before our President is elected, for—

THE CHAIRMAN: For what purpose does the delegate rise?