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Delegate Penniman.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: Mr. President, may I inquire as the Chairman of the Committee of Style about the meaning of one of the sentences here?

THE CHAIRMAN: You may.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: Mr. Chairman, in line 30 it begins "except during the first four days of a special session."

Could you tell me whether this is for any kind of a special session or is it only if there are limits on the special session that we make this particular ruling?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I would say that the answer to that is that it applies to any special session regardless of the purpose for which it was called or whether or not it presumably had some limitations upon it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Or regardless by whom it was called?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: That is correct, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Penniman, do you have any further questions?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: No, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any other amendments to section 3.16?

Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. Chairman,—

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a second. Delegate Gallagher, did you intend to offer amendment I?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I did, sir, and I would like to offer it.

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will please distribute amendment I. This is with respect to section 3.15.

Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I have a question that I thought was the question that Delegate Penniman was going to ask.

I think that there is some ambiguity in lines 30 and 31 of section 3.16. It says "except during the first four days of the special session, no vote on final passage of the bill shall be taken until the bill shall be prepared in the final form," so it is clear that there is an exception for a final session in that case.

The next sentence says "no vote on final passage of a bill shall be taken until the fifth calendar day after its introduction in the house of origin" and if you had a special session that lasted less than four days you could never reach that point.

I thought Delegate Penniman was going to ask whether that exception modifies everything down to the rest of section 3.16.

It is a serious question here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher, did you follow the question?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I think I did, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: I take it from the comments you made during the presentation to a somewhat similar question it was intended that the exception in lines 30 and 31 would apply to the second sentence after the exception even though grammatically it does not, but I am not clear.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: That was my question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: May I have a moment to consider it?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, in that connection will you consider the question that was asked on presentation in your answer that the exceptions clause in lines 38 down to 40, you stated, was intended to apply to both parts of that sentence.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: That is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I think, Mr. Chairman, that it might be helpful to clarify the intention of the Committee by inserting on line 34 before the beginning of the sentence which now reads "no vote on final passage", by inserting in there "except during the first four days of a special session."