

PLENARY SESSION

DECEMBER 7, 1967—2:30 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order.

Roll call.

(Whereupon, a roll call was taken.)

Has every delegate answered roll call?

(There was no response.)

The Clerk will record the roll call.

There being a quorum present, the Convention is in session.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the adoption of Debate Schedules No. 10 and 11, which control debate on the Committee Recommendations R&P-1 and R&P-2 respectively.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion?

Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Parliamentary inquiry. In case of debate on those articles or sections 1 and 2, for example, where there is no minority report, how much time will be allowed for discussion of those items?

THE PRESIDENT: Which debate schedule are you speaking of?

DELEGATE BENNETT: No. 10.

THE PRESIDENT: State your question again, Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Under this debate schedule, how much time will be allowed to discuss provisos like section 1 and section 2 where there is no minority report?

THE PRESIDENT: There is no necessity to discuss them unless there is an amendment offered. If an amendment is offered, the sponsor of the amendment has ten minutes to present the amendment and to answer any questions pertaining to it and then any delegate without limitation can speak up to three minutes per speech, as to amendments.

As we go through the article, the first procedure is to ask for amendments. Where

there is no minority report, whichever amendment is offered first is debated first. Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Then do I understand, Mr. Chairman, that it is necessary to introduce an amendment to get some discussion of these articles?

THE PRESIDENT: No. When the entire committee recommendation is the question for consideration, it, of course, may be discussed. The first matter to be considered is amendments. After amendments have been acted upon, the entire recommendation is open for discussion. Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: I understand that to mean not the entire report but each subdivision, each section.

THE PRESIDENT: The entire recommendation is open for discussion and any person could discuss any portion of it at that time. I am not sure I follow your question. Tell me what you want to do and I can perhaps answer you. Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: I would like to know specifically how much time would be allotted to the discussion of section 1, freedom of expression.

THE PRESIDENT: If there is no amendment?

DELEGATE BENNETT: If there is no amendment.

THE PRESIDENT: What would the purpose of the discussion be, to oppose the conclusion? Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: No, the purpose of the discussion would be to explain it, to elaborate perhaps upon the report.

THE PRESIDENT: The explanation of the report is the obligation of the committee chairman. That comes at his presentation time. There is no time limit on his presentation. Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: It is difficult for me to know then other than through questioning the chairman whether there is opportunity for discussion of these matters.

THE PRESIDENT: I am still trying to find out what you want to discuss. Do you want to speak in favor of the adoption of Section 1? Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Yes. I do.

THE PRESIDENT: If you want to speak in favor of the adoption of section 1,