

go on for another 30 days, it is a majority vote and not a three-fifths vote that controls.

At the Rules Committee meeting on Friday night, I think the point was made that we would not want to lock ourselves in by using a majority to set up rules and then allowing a lesser number than this to control the rest of the Convention on a procedural aspect, particularly when these rules are very complicated in parts. I think it would be more fair to the Convention to use the majority rule rather than the three-fifths rule. Otherwise, we may find ourselves hopelessly over a barrel.

THE CHAIRMAN: The question arises upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Delegate Fornos. All in favor say Aye. Opposed, No. The Noes seem to have it. The majority rules.

Any further amendments? Delegate Chabot?

DELEGATE CHABOT: My amendments do not seem to have arrived. May I make one amendment which mechanically simply involves striking several lines, without having to wait for the papers to arrive?

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, if it is not too complex, we might be able —

DELEGATE CHABOT: You will judge as I read it. This would amend Rule 48 [52], which is on page 15. One of them is here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is this the amendment you have in mind?

DELEGATE CHABOT: Yes, the one we distributed is that one.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Secretary will read the amendment.

THE SECRETARY: By Delegate Chabot.

Amendment to Rule 48: On page 15 of the mimeographed proposed rules, in Rule 48 [52], and at the end of line 15 thereof, insert a period after the word "question"; in line 16 thereunder strike out the following: "or questions in their order down to and including the main question;"; and in lines 1 and 2 at the top of page 16 strike out the following: "provided, however, that when the previous question shall be ordered, amendments then on the chief clerk's desk shall be acted upon".

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Chabot, you may proceed.

DELEGATE CHABOT: As I read the proposed rules, at any time that a matter is before the Convention, if an amendment has been made to a proposal, and fortuitously or otherwise, the first amendment that is made strikes the majority of the Convention as one that ought to be disposed of immediately, the effect of moving the previous question on that one amendment would be to require the Convention to thereafter take votes on all the things that that amendment was attached to, all the other amendments that were going to be made to that motion, without any debate on any of those matters.

The purpose of my amendment is to limit the effect of ordering the previous question to the matter that was before the body at the time the previous question was ordered, so that if the body wishes to dispose of one amendment or one proposal immediately, without cutting off debate on all other amendments that may be proposed, it may do so.

This is intended to stop the rules from shackling the body.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would it not be necessarily possible to dispose of certain ancillary questions to get to the main question? Would the Chairman of the Rules Committee make a comment?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I think there is some ambiguity here. As you remember, I suggested earlier that there might be proposals that would be proffered for further study by the committee members. I think this falls in that area. I would also prefer to refer Delegate Chabot's amendment to the Committee and have it referred back in September. It is not a matter that needs to be studied today, but I think it needs some study.

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor of the motion say Aye. Opposed, No. The Ayes seem to have it.

DELEGATE CHABOT: I have another one which has been printed, if someone will come to distribute it.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have enlisted some volunteer workers and we will please ask the pages to help us.

THE SECRETARY: Amendment to Rule 24 [25]: On page 8 of the amendments, in line 6 thereof, add the following: "However any committee may sit during a session of the Committee of the Whole if it first obtains special permission of the Committee of the Whole by the affirmative vote of a majority of those present and voting."