

question. Do you want to put your inquiry now?

DELEGATE WHITE: Yes, Mr. President. It is the same area concerned. I would like to have clarification officially. I will give this example. The committee makes a majority report to the committee as a whole. There is a minority made up of 20 per cent of the committee. I understand that. But in the event a proposal is voted down by a majority of a committee which is considering the proposal, then if there is a minority of 20 per cent, would this minority have opportunity to express its views to the Convention or would the action of the majority of that committee leave the proposal in committee? Would a proposal which is turned down by a majority of the committee properly come before this Convention? This is the question I wanted answered, if possible.

I understand, of course, that any member of the Convention may offer a motion which, if approved by a majority of this Convention, can force any committee to discharge a particular proposal. But is an item dead if the majority of the committee votes it down?

THE PRESIDENT: I am not certain that I understand your inquiry but, as I understand it, I believe it is covered by Rule 30 [32]. Are you familiar with that rule, Delegate White?

DELEGATE WHITE: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: If I understand your inquiry, you are asking whether if a committee majority determines not to report a particular proposal, is there any means by which the sponsor of the proposal or anyone else can have it brought to the floor? The answer is yes.

The proceeding is under Rule 30 [32]. The sponsor or any other delegate after one day's session notice could move the committee report with or without recommendation, and if he was supported in that motion by a majority of all the delegates, 72, then the proposal would be reported to the floor with or without committee recommendation.

Does that answer your inquiry?

DELEGATE WHITE: Yes, thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Implicit in your question perhaps was the procedure if the majority reports a proposal or a recommendation pertaining to the same subject matter. It would be possible for any delegate, including the sponsor of the proposal

adversely reported on, to move an amendment to the committee recommendation and have it brought to the floor in that way.

Delegate White, in view of that answer, do you still wish to present your Motion No. 3?

DELEGATE WHITE: No, I do not.

THE PRESIDENT: You wish to withdraw it?

DELEGATE WHITE: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Motion No. 3 is withdrawn.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Chairman.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Is the motion or request to bring a proposal to the floor which has not been either approved or disapproved by a committee, debatable?

THE PRESIDENT: I would think so. You mean the motion referred to in Rule 30 [32]?

DELEGATE BENNETT: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I would think it would be debatable and treated as any other motion. Any further inquiry? There was distributed today and you should have on your desk the memorandum listing the names of convention personnel and their salaries. This is the memorandum that, with a few minor changes to update it, was made public several weeks ago, when it was given to the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget, and is the one which I referred to last Friday and said would be ready.

There is also on your desk a memorandum from me to each delegate enclosing a copy of a letter from the District Director of Internal Revenue with respect to the inclusion for income tax purposes of the expense allowance of delegates. I suggest that you read the letter very carefully. I would like to add that it seems to me that the letter does not fully answer several of the inquiries which some of the delegates had in mind and I have requested the District Director of Internal Revenue for an elaboration. This pertains particularly to the deductibility of the expenses of delegates who are commuting on a daily basis.

Are there any announcements by committee chairmen?

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. Chairman.