

tion is embraced in Resolution No. 9 with one slight amendment, which is that the requirements of Rule 27 [28] under which a hearing is guaranteed shall not be applicable with respect to delegate proposals introduced after October 27. Originally as introduced the cut-off date suggested on the right of hearing was October 23, but there was considerable sentiment in the committee that this was cutting it off a little too soon and the date chosen by the committee was October 27.

Turning now to Resolution No. 11—which would require that all committees disposing of delegate proposals give a written memorandum indicating the reasons for the disposition of the proposal and that that memorandum would be filed with the Clerk—the Committee is not unsympathetic to the idea that each delegate should know what disposition is made of his proposal by a committee. We explained to the sponsor of Resolution No. 11 the practice that is being observed—and hopefully will continue to be observed—by the committees in their report. They will try to mention either by way of favorable report or unfavorable report or with the notation or observation that these numbered proposals have been considered to the maximum extent possible. There will be some proposals, however, that probably will not be noted formally in a report. The committee chairmen have indicated, a number of them, that it is their intention to call the sponsor of such proposal and to advise him the committee is not going to take further action under the rules and to afford him this courtesy.

I think at this point in time it might be well to just review briefly the protections the delegate has under the rules. A delegate has the right to submit a proposal. Up to October 27, he has a right to have a hearing on it if he wants it. However, there is nothing in the rules that gives him the right to have a written rejection of his proposal or indeed to have the committee take any particular action on it.

However, if a committee attempts to bottle up a proposal, a delegate has the right under Rule 30 [32] to one day's notice and if he can convince a majority of his colleagues to agree with him, to flush the proposal out.

Finally he has the right, if his proposal is still in committee when the committee's report comes out, to have an amendment prepared, have it distributed to the delegates, and have it debated up and down on the floor in the Committee of the Whole.

We think that the rights provided by the rules are about as far as the Convention should be asked to go in guaranteeing a debate the right to have his colleagues know about his proposal and to have a vote upon it if he insists upon it at the proper time.

We think to require the committee to grind out memoranda in each case where the total proposals have already reached or is approaching 400 and may exceed or approach 800 would be very unreasonable and for that reason we recommend that Resolution No. 11 not be adopted although we have indicated our general sympathy that the procedures be administered fairly so that an individual delegate learns at some time whether the committee intends to act favorably or unfavorably or to consider his proposal at all.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any questions of the chairman for the purposes of clarification? Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Mr. President, I believe there is one other alternative a person would have which would be to convince twenty per cent of the committee to provide a minority report and also resulting in the minority report coming on the floor of the Committee of the Whole.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: That is right. You are absolutely correct. That is another protection.

THE PRESIDENT: Any further questions of the chairman of the committee? First we will take up Resolution No. 9. As the Chair understands, Delegate Scanlan moves the amendment of Resolution No. 9, as indicated in the committee report.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: That is correct, substituting date of October 27 for the original date of October 23 in that resolution.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second to the motion to amend?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The question arises on the amendment to Resolution No. 9 to read as follows. Resolved that Rule 27, Rules of the Convention, be amended by inserting at the end, therefore, a new sentence reading as follows: "The requirements imposed by this rule shall not be applicable with respect to delegate proposals introduced after October 27, 1967." Any discussion on the motion to amend?

*(There was no response.)*