

either premature or moot, or on which action was unnecessary at the time, there might be established some precedent whereby all resolutions, no matter how premature, no matter how moot, no matter how unnecessary, would have to be reported out to the Convention to consume the valuable time of the Convention in debate, discussion, and decision.

At this point in time, I suppose we can afford the luxury of debating matters that are moot or premature. In fact, the day is fast pressing upon us when we will not have this luxury, and to waste time in debate on matters that are moot or premature would be a dangerous thing, and trespassing upon the valuable time of the Convention, which could be better used in debating the great substantive issues that soon will be reaching the Committee of the Whole.

So, the majority of the committee report this resolution unfavorably, but we do so exclusively on the ground that we believe it is unnecessary to decide the resolution at this time at least, since the information which it seeks will be provided, if we can rely—I believe we can—on the assurances of the President of the Convention.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any questions of the Chairman for purposes of clarification? Delegate Weidemeyer?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, in view of the fact that the President is already furnishing this information, in view of the fact that I think debate on this matter is absolutely unnecessary, I move as a substitute for the Committee Report that the matter be now tabled.

THE PRESIDENT: Can we suspend for just a moment while I check something here?

Delegate Weidemeyer, I do not believe your motion is in order at this moment. I have not yet stated the question, and we are now in the process of considering the Committee's Report. At the proper time I will give you the opportunity to renew your motion.

For what purpose does Delegate Malkus arise?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, to speak on the subject matter.

THE PRESIDENT: I will give you the opportunity to speak on the motion as soon as we have finished the present matter,

which is interrogation of the Chairman of the Committee for purposes of clarification.

DELEGATE MALKUS: The reason for which I rise—

THE PRESIDENT: I will give you the opportunity to speak to the resolution.

DELEGATE MALKUS: —is to forestall the seconding of the motion.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Malkus, please, sir, I will give you the floor as soon as we have finished the present matter.

DELEGATE MALKUS: You are most kind, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any questions of the Chairman of the Rules Committee for purposes of clarification?

*(There was no response.)*

THE PRESIDENT: If not, the question arises on the adoption of Resolution No. 13, notwithstanding the unfavorable report of the committee. The mover of the resolution has the privilege of the floor. The Chair recognizes Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, may I—

THE PRESIDENT: Would you please use the microphone?

DELEGATE MALKUS: I would like to use the podium, if I may.

THE PRESIDENT: You may, sir.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen: It gives me great pleasure to talk to this Convention for the first time.

In so doing, I would like to make some remarks concerning the report made by the Chairman of Rules, Credentials and Budget. He is talking about using up this Convention's valuable time. I would like to remind him that he has had his share of using up this Convention's valuable time explaining the obvious. He also talked, Mr. President, that this little matter is being brought before this Convention out of the graciousness of the committee, and as evidence that nothing will be bottled up in committee.

This was on one day. On the next day we discussed Senate Resolution No. 14, and before I talk about that, I want to read unto you the law:

The Convention shall appoint an historian, whose duties it shall be to collect,