

this could make a difference within our own committee. I strongly recommend to the Chair that the referral be to the Committee of the Whole.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. President, although Mr. Rybczynski and I sit across the aisle and share many common views, we did not discuss this problem. He rose on his own initiative, but I was about to rise to suggest that the Committee on Rules has no special competency to bring back a report on this resolution and that, therefore, referring it to our committee, even if we can act very promptly, only interjects an unnecessary delay.

Secondly, I know that the committees have reached the very crucial stage of voting on important issues. The resolution asks that if adopted, it be applied retroactively. I think this is a matter, I agree with my good friend Edward Rybczynski here, that should be decided not by the Committee of the Whole, but by the Convention, promptly.

I would be so bold as to move we now suspend the rules to take up Resolution No. 18.

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Just a second. I was just about to say that I do not believe a reference to the Committee of the Whole would be proper, and that the only proper way to take up the resolution immediately would be by suspension of the rules.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I move we suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 18.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Second.

THE PRESIDENT: Motion to suspend the rules has been duly made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Since this requires the affirmative vote of the majority of the whole number of delegates, the votes will be by the electronic roll call board. Delegate Bard.

DELEGATE BARD: Mr. President, I would like to ask a question in respect to line 13—whereas three delegates have been assigned to eight substantive committees—first may I ask, is it in order to ask about the resolution at this point?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I think you can ask the sponsor.

DELEGATE BARD: Does the sponsor—

THE PRESIDENT: Wait just a second. I think probably the present matter is on suspension of the rules. If the rules are suspended, then you may ask your question. Is there any discussion on the motion to suspend? If not, the question arises on the motion to suspend the rules to take up for immediate consideration by the Convention Resolution No. 18. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the motion to suspend the rules. A vote No is a vote against the suspension of the rules, in which event the resolution will be referred to the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget. Indicate your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 118 votes in the affirmative and 4 in the negative, the motion carries. The rules are suspended.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Rybczynski. I suppose I should recognize first one of the sponsors. Does either of the three sponsors desire to speak? Delegate Kirkland.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Mr. Chairman, I think the reason I subscribe to this resolution is based on the one man, one vote rule. I saw absolutely nothing in the rules that would give any delegate elected by the people an opportunity to have more than one vote. This you would have to consider a weighted vote. I am sure that it was not the intent of the people of Maryland to give any person more than one vote on any particular committee or in this Convention.

The other thing is, it is hard to conceive that a person who does not attend regularly any substantive committee would have the background or the knowledge of the witnesses that appeared, and would permit him to make a really justifiable vote. This is basically the reason why I subscribe to this resolution.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Bard, do you wish to ask your question of the sponsors?

DELEGATE BARD: Yes, I am not clear as to the second whereas. It seems to me, Mr. President, that we would need to have some arrangement, whereby the three delegates concerned would have a vote somewhere. I personally am concerned about multiple voting, but I am equally concerned about any arrangement which would keep these three delegates from having—