

administrative difficulties to say the least. Therefore, I suggest that I can vote for this resolution without the retroactive feature, but not as it stands, not knowing the harm or injury it may do.

THE PRESIDENT: The question arises on the motion to amend. Is there any discussion of that motion? Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE MASON: Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. Can we amend the motion without suspending the rules?

THE PRESIDENT: I think so. We have suspended the rules and the resolution is before the Convention for such action as it desires to take. Do you desire to speak to the motion to amend Delegate Vecera?

DELEGATE VECERA: Yes, I do, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate Vecera.

DELEGATE VECERA: In answer to Delegate Gallagher, lines 6 and 7, that the resolution be applied retroactively, the reason we inserted that was the essence of the resolution hinges on that. There have been major decisions already taking place in the committees, and it would be unwise for us to continue under this particular one man, one vote we are speaking of and we ought to reverse ourselves at this point, which is an early stage of the Convention, and that we ought to take action on it retroactively. There have been major decisions made that might hinge on this particular resolution.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: In order that I can vote on the amendment as well as the resolution itself, I have perhaps two or three questions which should go, first of all, perhaps, to Mr. Scanlan as Chairman of the Committee on Rules.

I ask first of all whether this situation is covered in the rules of the Convention that we adopted in July.

THE PRESIDENT: What do you mean by this situation?

DELEGATE MARION: Whether the provision for appointment of officers as liaison members with voting privileges was covered in the rules of the Convention that we adopted in July.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: The rules do not specifically state whether or not a man can have more than one vote. On the other

hand, the rules do incorporate Robert's Rules of Order to the extent that the rules do not otherwise specifically cover the subject. Under Robert's Rules of Order, it is perfectly clear, the Parliamentarian and Chair are there if I am wrong, if you serve on a committee you are entitled to vote as a member of the committee. May I have two votes? I vote as a member of the Rules Committee and I vote as a member of the Legislative Committee. I would not like either right taken from me, and at the present time as I interpret the rules, this is permitted me.

DELEGATE MARION: If I might ask another question of Delegate Scanlan, do I understand what you are saying to mean that the rules were adopted which would incorporate this principle before the election by this Convention of those officers who have been appointed to serve as officer liaison members with voting privileges on more than one committee?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Would you restate your question, Delegate Marion?

DELEGATE MARION: My question is whether or not we adopted rules which provide for this procedure, anticipating the possibility, before the Convention by majority vote elected a President, a First Vice-President, and a Second Vice-President, who under those rules might well be appointed to more than one committee with full voting privileges on more than one committee?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I think you are right. I think we elected our officers and we adopted our rules on July 12, 1967. Later the various committee assignments were made. The officers of the Convention were assigned more than one committee. So I think the candid response to your question is that we did not adopt this procedure prior to the time when we adopted our rules, even though the rules as adopted would permit it.

DELEGATE MARION: May I ask you one other question, Delegate Scanlan. From your study of the rules, are there other legislative bodies, for example, the House of Delegates of the Maryland General Assembly, where members are appointed with voting privileges to more committees than perhaps some of their colleagues?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I think you are even more familiar with that procedure than I, Mr. Marion, having served as administrative assistant to Senator Tyd-