

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would rule the motion out of order for the following reasons.

As previously indicated, the Chair has interpreted Rule 54 as being applicable only to a question finally adopted or rejected and as not being applicable to motions of the character we have been having on secondary amendments.

This would mean, if the Chair is correct in this interpretation, that there is no rule of the Convention applicable particularly to a reconsideration other than the situation covered in Rule 54. In that situation, ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER are applicable; under ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, there may not be more than one reconsideration.

Amendment No. 2 has already been considered and therefore a secondary consideration would not be in order.

Do you desire to appeal the ruling of the Chair, Delegate Dukes?

DELEGATE DUKES: No, I move to suspend the rules for the sole purpose of moving the motion which I just made.

THE PRESIDENT: Very well.

For what purpose does Delegate Case rise?

DELEGATE CASE: Point of parliamentary inquiry.

THE PRESIDENT: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE CASE: Does the ruling that the Chair made apply with equal force to Amendment No. 5 which along with its various counterparts is made a special order of business on Tuesday?

THE PRESIDENT: The situation would be the same except for the very fact that section 1.17 has now been divided from the rest of the article and, therefore, any further consideration of section 1.17 necessarily is a final vote. Rule 54 would be applicable. The Robert's rule just referred to by the Chair would not be.

Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: Mr. President, I do not understand that rule. Section 1.17, I think, is made a special order of business for Tuesday.

THE PRESIDENT: And it is standing alone. There is nothing else with it. So whatever action you take on it is the final action on that section.

DELEGATE DELLA: There have been several reconsiderations of section 1.17, so Rule 54—

THE PRESIDENT: Not reconsideration of the vote. There has been one, not several. Amendment No. 5 has been reconsidered once, but not twice.

DELEGATE DELLA: 1.17.

THE PRESIDENT: Certainly that is true as to Amendment No. 5 and I do not believe there is any other amendment with respect to section 1.17 that was reconsidered more than once.

Delegate Dukes has moved that the rules be suspended so that he may move a reconsideration of the vote by which reconsideration of Amendment No. 2 was rejected and make the reconsideration the special order of business for—

Delegate Dukes, did you fix a time for the special order, or did you leave it to the Committee on Calendar and Agenda?

DELEGATE DUKES: I asked that it be set immediately after the other matter set for special consideration.

THE PRESIDENT: Next Tuesday. Very well.

Is there a second to Delegate Dukes's motion? If I do not ask for it, I will forget it.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: I second it.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate White, for what purpose do you rise?

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. President, is the motion to suspend the rules debatable?

THE PRESIDENT: The motion to suspend the rules is not debatable, Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: I wonder if I could have about thirty seconds on the basis of personal privilege.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate White, it would be easier to accede for thirty seconds than to debate it with you if you really mean thirty seconds.

DELEGATE WHITE: I possibly was just a little unkind in my last remarks, but I would like personally to pay a tribute to the manner in which you have conducted this Convention in an effort to be fair and you have been very patient. Mr. President, I suggest that we have become bogged down in a lot of technicalities moving in the direction where hope eternal springs