

only, if we are, when are we going to have that historian?

THE PRESIDENT: The answer to the question is that the Convention will have an historian, and he will be appointed just as soon as we can obtain consent of a qualified person to serve in that capacity, which I hope will be very shortly.

Are there any motions? The Chair recognizes Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: Mr. President, I move that the vote by which Resolution No. 18 was adopted on October 25, 1967, be reconsidered and that Resolution No. 18 be referred to the Committee on Rules, Credentials, and Convention Budget for consideration and report of its consequences in the light of Convention Rule 28 [29]*.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair believes that the motion in the present form is improper in that there should be two separate motions, a motion to reconsider, and then if the vote is reconsidered, a separate motion embracing the second part of your motion. If you will restate your motion, as a motion to reconsider, the Chair will permit it.

DELEGATE MARION: The Chair is correct. I wanted the purpose of the motion for reconsideration to be started in the motion, as drafted and presented to the delegates. I will recast the motion as follows. I move that the vote by which Resolution No. 18 was adopted on October 25, 1967, be reconsidered.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate Marion to speak to the motion.

DELEGATE MARION: Mr. President, I have set out what I believe are the grounds for the motion for reconsideration in a memorandum which should be on the desk of each delegate. I base the motion for reconsideration on two principal factors. Despite a technical amendment in one of the factual premises on which Resolution No. 18 was based, after the vote was taken yesterday, there still remains a factual inaccuracy in one of the whereas clauses,

which states as a fact, that three delegates have been assigned to eight substantive committees, and, therefore, are exercising the right to vote on each of these eight substantive committees. That is not true, and even though it may be obvious to each of us here in the Convention, it distressed me to hear last night as I drove home from this Convention, on the 7 o'clock news a very prominent radio station was advising the people of Maryland that the three officers of the Convention had the right to vote on each of the eight substantive committees in this Convention.

A more important basis for reconsideration, I think, is the fact that many of the consequences of the motion were not apparent, perhaps to others, but certainly not to me, and not to many other delegates with whom I have spoken at the time it was considered. The chairman of the Rules Committee yesterday indicated that he did not see that the resolution needed to be referred to the Committee on Rules, but once we had adopted the resolution here in Convention, it became apparent that a fundamental question rose with respect to the language of Convention Rule 28 [29].

I do not know the mathematics, and have not checked them with respect to each committee, but certainly in one committee, the Committee on Suffrage and Elections, a very unfortunate situation exists in the mathematics of the membership. So that as my memorandum states, it is possible in that committee to have an eight to seven vote of all the voting members, and not be able to report a proposal to this Convention, because that would not be a majority of all the members of that committee. That means that a minority can control that committee. This may be true on other committees as well.

I just do not think a great many delegates to this Convention understood that, and realized that fact when they voted on Resolution No. 18 yesterday. I think it has consequences that affect Rule 28 [29]. To me, and to others, it points out the wisdom of the rules of this Convention which were adopted in July, which indicate that there should be a three-day layover after the introduction of a matter before this Convention, before it arrives at a vote. I think many of us, perhaps, feel the pressure of time upon us, and many of us are anxious to vote on matters, perhaps, before due consideration, deliberation, and debate has occurred with respect to them.

I submit, Mr. President, that this matter should have been referred to the Rules

*The number in brackets refers to the final number assigned to the rule in the Rules of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland.