

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): The Clerk will read Amendment No. 2, designated "D", offered by Delegate Needle.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 2 on Style, as amended by Report No. S&D-17 to Committee Recommendations GP-7, GP-8, GP-9, GP-12, R&P-1, and LB-3, on second reading by Delegates Needle and Winslow. On page 2, section 10.03, constitutional convention, strike out all of lines 48 through 52, inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "the constitution shall be submitted to the voters of the State for adoption, and shall be effective only if approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of those voting thereon."

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Needle.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to have unanimous approval to make one small amendment to the amendment. The last word on line 8, the word "thereon" should be stricken and in lieu thereof the words "on the proposal" be inserted, if you will, please.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Would you mind repeating that?

DELEGATE NEEDLE: Strike the last word, "thereon", and insert in lieu thereof the words "on the proposal."

Is there any objection to the amendment?

For what purpose does Delegate Weidemyer rise?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: I would like to ask Delegates Needle and Winslow if they would accept an amendment to this amendment striking out the word "thereon" in line 8 of their amendment and inserting in lieu thereof, "at the election."

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): That is a substantive change which the Chair rules is out of order. This is strictly on style.

Is there any objection to the change of the word "thereon" to "on the proposal"?

*(There was no response.)*

If not, the amendment will be considered so modified.

Delegate Needle.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: This is an amendment which would reinsert the original language adopted by the Committee of the Whole and would strike the amendment language as suggested by the Committee on Style, Drafting, and Arrangement.

As indicated by Delegate Penniman in answer to a question which I put to him just a short while ago, the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement has incorporated by reference a prior section by virtue of this amendment, which is in violation, I believe, of its own Rule No. 4 with regard to the style of our constitution.

It is difficult, at the outset, to understand any section which refers to another, because it would be necessary to read the other section referred to, in addition to which, reading the preceding section to determine exactly what this section means, there are some doubts if the procedures spelled out for the adoption of an amendment to the constitution are in toto applicable to the adoption of the product of a constitutional convention. In addition, should there ever be an amendment to the preceding section, it could perhaps inadvertently amend this section. So it is quite clear that the rules originally adopted by the Style Committee were for good cause and reason, and they should not be violated by that Committee.

I therefore suggest that the original language adopted by the Committee of the Whole be reinserted and the style amendment be deleted.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Penniman.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: Delegate Needle could have reduced the length of his speech if I could just have signaled him that I was going to give in. After that massive victory he had before I did not want to contest this particular one, particularly since we had violated our own rules as he so extensively pointed out.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: May I address a question to Delegate Boyer as Chairman of the substantive committee who reported this provision?

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Will Delegate Boyer yield? Delegate Marion wishes to submit a question.

DELEGATE BOYER: Yes, sir.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: When the language in line 47 of section 10.03 was used by your Committee, the language referring to any proposal recommended by the convention for changing the constitution, was