

Committee, and that we can do that by action today, first by voting affirmatively on the motion to reconsider, and then, secondly, by voting to refer the resolution to the Committee on Rules.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: I wonder if I might address an inquiry to the Chairman of the Rules Committee, please.

Could the delegate advise—

THE PRESIDENT: I think I should inform the Convention, that the practice of asking questions of other delegates under the rules can be charged only against the time of the delegate to whom the inquiry is addressed. That is why yesterday, in the course of discussion, I asked the delegate addressed in each instance whether he cared to answer. I make that point now, so that each of you will keep it in mind that when you are answering an inquiry the time is charged against the answerer's time in debate. Proceed, Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: May I ask the Chairman of the Rules Committee whether he will give me a little of his time?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I have no objection to trying to answer it.

DELEGATE GLEASON: What I would like to know from the Chairman is just how fast, I think this is a matter of some urgency and importance to the Convention, just how fast the Rules Committee will act on this recommendation, if the matter is reconsidered and recommitted to the committee?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: We have one difficulty. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Rules Committee are members of the Legislative Committee, as you know, and we are in the midst of important votes at this present time. Tomorrow there is no formal session of the Convention. I would think we could have an answer to the floor of the Convention by Monday.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Thank you very much. I would like to say to the sponsor of the motion, I think the problem that has arisen here is not with respect to the proposal of the sponsors of yesterday, but it is of the interpretation of Rule 28 [29] as provided to the Convention by the presiding officer. Not that I think that interpretation is incorrect, but I think that it was not the intention of the rules themselves, to have this individual sitting there

as a member of the committee, if in fact he was a nonvoting member.

I would hope when the Rules Committee takes this matter under consideration, they will come out with an amendment to Rule 28 [29] that will set this matter right once and for all.

I frankly think the Convention goofed on this matter. I had never understood that a member of two committees, on two substantive committees, would have two separate votes. I think that is contrary to the interests of this Convention, but I will support the move to reconsider, because I think the Committee ought to do this job right once and for all. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Beatrice Miller.

DELEGATE MILLER: Point of inquiry, please. Is it necessary to amend the motion so that the Rules Committee can reconsider Rule 28 [29]?

THE PRESIDENT: As I understand it, if the motion to reconsider passes, Delegate Marion will then move to refer Resolution No. 18 to the Committee on Rules.

DELEGATE MILLER: At that time, it could be amended to also include Rule 28 [29]? May I now amend the motion for reconsideration—

THE PRESIDENT: Just a second. The only matter before us now is the motion to reconsider. Do I understand your inquiry to be that if following that, and a reconsideration, Resolution No. 18 is referred to the Committee on Rules, could they submit an amendment to Rule 28 [29]?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: That is your inquiry?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: I think they could submit an amendment to Rule 28 [29]. I think under the rules, it would have to lay over unless the rules were suspended for consideration. I would have no doubt this Convention would suspend the rules.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Fox.

DELEGATE FOX: I was one of the delegates who voted in favor of the motion yesterday. I rise in support of the motion today, saying I would like an opportunity to reconsider the vote.