

ing and Arrangement, Report S&D 1. The report is accepted and referred to all delegates for their information. The report requires no action by the Convention at this time.

Next item is consideration of Report No. R&C 12 of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget. The Clerk will read the Report.

READING CLERK: Committee Report No. R&C 12, Committee Report by the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget, Alfred L. Scanlan, Chairman. A report regarding proposed amendments in the Standing Rules of the Convention.

THE PRESIDENT: Committee Report No. R&C 12 is referred to the Committee on Calendar and Agenda of the Convention.

May I call the attention of all delegates to this report. It is hoped that the amendments suggested in this report and the amendments to be proposed in the oral report of this committee to follow later this afternoon will be the last amendments to be proposed to the rules before they are printed. Will you please, therefore, read carefully this report. It will be placed on the agenda at the earliest possible date for final action by the Convention.

Next item on the calendar as amended is the report of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget with respect to Resolution No. 18. The Chair recognizes Delegate Scanlan, Chairman of the Committee and requests that he come forward to the rostrum.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. President, fellow delegates, the Committee apologizes for not having before you a written report regarding the action it has taken and the recommendations it makes with respect to Resolution No. 18. However, we will have, I hope, on the Clerk's desk the actual proposed amendments to the rules very shortly.

Resolution No. 18, as you know, was adopted by the Convention on October 25. On October 26 a motion to reconsider Resolution No. 18 was made and passed the Convention and referred the matter to our committee for consideration and report of its consequences in the light of Convention Rule 28 [29]*.

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

Convention Rule 28 [29] is the rule which deals with the committee reports. As it now reads, it says the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of a committee shall be necessary to report a proposal out of committee, the report of a minority of at least 20 per cent of the members of any committee shall be received, et cetera.

The difficulty that would arise should Resolution No. 18 be adopted was pointed out in Motion No. 5, the memorandum accompanying Motion No. 5—that was the motion for reconsideration—especially the last paragraph of that memorandum, by Delegate Marion and Schloeder, pointing out that a minority could block an affirmative majority report if non-voting members of a committee were counted toward a quorum or toward the necessary majority.

The Committee was unanimous in recommending that if there is any ambiguity about Rule 28 [29], no matter what happens to Resolution No. 18, that Rule 28 [29] be amended in the following two respects. That the words "having the right to vote" be added after the word "committee" in the second line of Rule 28 [29] and that the same words "having the right to vote" be added after the word "committee" occurring in the fourth line of the rule.

The amendment proposed would—pardon me for a second here. We have the language here for the Reading Clerk, I believe.

The amendment proposed by the unanimous recommendation of your committee would eliminate any doubt about the fact that if you have non-voting members of a committee, they do not count toward the requirements in making up the requirements of Rule 28 [29] as to the number necessary to get a majority report out or as to the number necessary to get a minority report out.

Turning now to the merits of Resolution No. 18, the sponsors appeared and made their arguments. I think the Committee feels there are respectable arguments on both sides of this issue. I think it should be pointed out in all fairness to the President and Vice President, the committee chairmen and others, that as early as August 25 the President of the Convention in a memorandum addressed to all of us pointed out that he intended to assign the Vice Presidents and himself to more than one committee and to make them voting members of those committees. Specifically he advised us "in order to provide a means of coordinating effectively the work