

Resolution No. 18 proposed by the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget. Is there any discussion? Ready for the question? The question arises on the motion to strike all of lines 6 to 21, inclusive, and page 1 of Resolution No. 18, strike the words "regardless of his official capacity" on lines 23 and 24, on page 1 of the resolution, to strike the words "and be it" on line 3 and all of lines 4, 6, and 7 on page 2 of the resolution. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendments, a vote No is a vote against the amendments. Are you ready for the question? The Parliamentarian calls my attention to the fact that lines 6 and 7 on page 2 were also stricken by amendment several days ago so they need not be again stricken. Are you ready for the question? A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment. A vote No is a vote against the amendment.

Are you ready for the question? All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

The resolution is now before you in its amended form. Is there any further discussion? The question arises on Resolution No. 18 as amended.

Are you ready for the question? A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the resolution as amended, a vote No, a vote against the resolution as amended. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Delegate Scanlan for the purpose of moving an amendment to Rule 28 [29].

DELEGATE SCANLAN: The Committee recommends and I move that Rule 28 [29] be amended by adding the phrase "having the right to vote" following the word "committee" in line 2 of the present rule and again adding a phrase "having the right to vote" as it appears prior to the word "committee" in line 4 of the present Rule 28 [29].

THE PRESIDENT: The question arises on the motion to amend Rule 28 [29] by adding the words "have the right to vote" after the word "committee" in line 2 and in line 4. Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: I would like to ask a question of the Chairman. Is it your understanding then that an officer member of a committee may or may not participate in the 20 per cent necessary to secure a minority report?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: He may not unless that is the committee on which he will have the one vote.

DELEGATE CHABOT: I see. His vote is not to be counted and also his participation is not to be counted.

THE PRESIDENT: What do you mean by participation?

DELEGATE CHABOT: The requirements for minority reports do not indicate that one must vote in any particular way. Merely this one must be willing to join with others to submit a minority report. The significance of the report is on the floor, not within the committee.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: The way I best could answer Delegate Chabot is with an example: Assume a committee has 16 members with a liaison officer. That liaison officer now is removed as a result of the amendments to Rule 28 [29] for the purposes of counting. Therefore, when 16 were required you had to have had four in order to get a minority report. By eliminating the liaison officer, you reduce the numbers that count for the purpose of computing the number required for minority report to 15. Therefore you would only require three in such a case.

THE PRESIDENT: I do not believe that is Delegate Chabot's question. As I understand his question, the answer is that the non-voting member of a committee would not constitute a part of the 20 per cent of members of committee required to file a minority report. Is that your question?

DELEGATE CHABOT: My question is whether or not that is so.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would so rule. Does that answer your question?

DELEGATE CHABOT: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: In other words, to use Delegate Scanlan's illustration, if in that committee only three members desire to file a minority report, and if one of the three constituted a non-voting member, then it would not be sufficient to comply with the rule. Three voting members are required. Is there any further discussion? The rules having been suspended, the question arises on the adoption of the amendment to Rule 28 [29] by inserting the words "having the right to vote" after the word "committee" where it appears in line 2 of Rule 28 and again where it appears in line 4 of Rule 28 [29]. A vote Aye is a vote