

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Do I gather a report of this nature, which calls for no action on the part of the Convention, is one which may not necessarily come back to the floor again?

THE PRESIDENT: No, on the contrary, this report as I understand it, will call for action by the Convention either to approve or disapprove. At the proper time determined by the Committee on Calendar and Agenda it will be on the calendar, and will probably be referred to the Committee of the Whole for debate and recommendation to the Convention.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Next item is introduction and first reading of proposals.

Before we come to that, however, there are memoranda accompanying Delegate Proposals No. 195, No. 287, and No. 322 by Delegate Finch.

There is only one proposal today, Delegate Proposal No. 443. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 443, by Delegate Gallagher. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that a five-member redistricting commission shall be established for congressional districting and legislative districting and apportionment one year prior to each statewide general election.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 443 is referred to the Committee on the Legislative Branch.

Are there any motions or resolutions? If not, that concludes the business of the Convention for the moment other than announcements.

Prior to recognizing the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda to move that the Convention resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole, I would like to comment very briefly on the procedure to be followed when the Convention is resolved into the Committee of the Whole.

I point out to you that when the Committee of the Whole concludes its deliberations, the Committee will rise and report to the Convention. Accordingly, when the Committee rises, will all delegates please remain seated because the session of the Convention will immediately resume. It will not have adjourned.

As I indicated to you, the Parliamentarian has prepared a memorandum highlighting fairly briefly the procedures of the

Committee of the Whole. Unfortunately, it is not available for you today in printed form. I think I can summarize very briefly the salient provisions so that you may have them in mind.

The Committee of the Whole is, as its name implies, a Committee of the Convention, the presiding officer is therefore the Chairman and not the President of the Convention.

When you desire the floor, therefore, address the Chair as "Mr. Chairman" and not as "Mr. President."

The Committee of the Whole does not adjourn, has no power to adjourn. Instead it rises. Its session ends when the Committee rises. At the proper time Delegate Powers will move that the Committee rise and it then will report to the Convention.

A motion for the previous question is not in order in the Committee of the Whole unlike in the Convention. In other words, you cannot shut off debate by such a motion.

In the present instance there is no limitation on debate in the Committee of the Whole other than the Convention Rule which limits debate to fifteen minutes per delegate.

In other sessions, as you all know, the Committee on Calendar and Agenda will propose a debate schedule, which will limit debate in accordance with a prearranged scheme between the proponents and opponents on any particular proposition. The Committee did not deem it wise or necessary that that be done in connection with the matter which will be before the Committee of the Whole this afternoon. Accordingly, there is no limitation on the debate.

Unlike the Convention, the delegates are not limited to one speaker on a question. Therefore, a delegate, although limited to fifteen minutes at any one time, may speak more than once in the Committee of the Whole.

Very briefly, the procedure in the Committee of the Whole will be that the Chair will call to the Clerk's rostrum the Chairman of the Committee for a brief presentation of the report of the Committee. This will be followed by a very brief period of questions solely for the purpose of clarification. This is not a period of debate either by the Chairman of the Committee or by the delegates. Its sole purpose is presentation of the report and questions to clarify the report.