

This will be followed by a period of general debate, which today could be very brief, if at all. During this period amendments to the question before the Committee are not in order, simply a general debate on the whole proposition.

In view of the shortness of the recommendation today, and the fact that it is not particularly complex, I would anticipate that the general debate would either be very brief or none at all. Following the general debate, the recommendation before the Committee of the Whole is open for amendment. The spokesman for the minority has priority to be recognized in presenting the amendment. You have before you today a minority report and several printed amendments. At the proper time I will recognize the spokesman for the minority to present the minority report and move his amendments.

Following that, any other delegate may present amendments and, of course, these amendments are subject to debate. For what purpose does Delegate Malkus rise?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. Chairman, I believe that you mentioned there would be a brief explanation of the subject matter before us. We are certainly not limited by time in this early stage. Many of us do not know what is going on in other committees.

Would it not be more generous if we had a complete explanation of the subject matter? Some of us can not be everywhere at all times. I really would like to know what the subject matter is about, and I would hope that the committee chairman, whoever he might be, would be generous and tell us not in brevity but in detail.

THE PRESIDENT: There is no intention on my part by the use of the word "brief" to indicate that the committee chairman will be subject to any limitation in presenting his report. I merely wish to point out to you that at that period of the proceeding before the Committee of the Whole, it is the function of the committee chairman to present his report not to debate it. When it comes to general debate, the committee chairman, speaking from his seat as a delegate, will be able to speak as an advocate and debate the matter.

If there are no questions at this point, the Chair recognizes Delegate Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the Convention resolve itself into

the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering general orders of the day.

(Whereupon the motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: I call to the attention of the Chairman that the motion in the form he presented it will not allow general debate on the motion. Was that the intention of the mover?

DELEGATE POWERS: No, it was not the intention to limit debate.

THE PRESIDENT: Would you amend your motion to provide that the Convention resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole and that general debate be permitted?

DELEGATE POWERS: Very well. I move that the Convention resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering orders of the day and that general debate be permitted.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

(Whereupon the motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion? 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 Committee of the Whole is now in session.

(Whereupon, at 2:18 P.M., the Convention resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

OCTOBER 31, 1967 — 2:18 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE CHAIRMAN: I call to your attention that at this point in the proceeding the Sergeant-at-Arms removes the mace. This is a convenient device whereby any delegate who may have to absent himself from the Floor for a brief interval can at a glance know whether we are assembled in Convention or in the Committee of the Whole. If we are in the Committee of the Whole, the mace is not on the rostrum. If we are in the Convention, the mace is always on the rostrum. I understand the tape is out. We will pause for just a moment.