

section is open for amendment at which time you can submit an amendment.

You do not, therefore, have available now an alternate choice in most instances of either submitting an amendment or asking for a division. If you want the question raised, it would have to be by amendment. You cannot wait until the article is actually on final vote and then ask for revision. The time for amendment will have expired.

As the Chair indicated several days ago, when we say that the article is open for amendment, we do not mean that it is open for any and all amendments of any kind. It would not be possible, for instance, to submit an amendment to add a new section or even to add an entirely new idea in an existing section because the Convention rules provide that all proposals, and "proposal" means anything to be included in the constitution, must be first submitted in the form of a proposal and then be referred to a committee and then have the usual treatment of first, second, and third readings for consideration of the Committee of the Whole and so forth, so that the only amendments which are proper are amendments which are germane. This is, again, a question in the first instance for the determination of the Chair. As I indicated several days ago, the Chair intends to apply a very strict rule in determining whether an amendment is or is not germane. In connection with amendments as previously announced, the Chair was inclined not to be too strict on this issue in order to facilitate discussion. We are now back on the final vote. We have to apply the rule strictly so that I warned you several days ago, and I repeat now the intention of the Chair to apply the rule strictly. This does not mean that if an amendment was offered previously as an amendment to a section or even after second reading and was rejected that it may not be offered again.

It may be offered if it is germane and if it is not an entire new section or an entire new thought embodied in the section. These may not be reoffered. Amendments to delete language, amendments to change language, so long as they are germane and so long as the amendment does not destroy what is in the section, will be allowed.

The Chair indicates with this degree of preciseness what its intentions are so that you may govern yourself accordingly and so that the Convention may in the final determination act with respect to each of the rulings of the Chair.

If any delegate either on a call for a division which the Chair has ruled improper or which the Chair has ruled proper disagrees, he simply appeals the ruling. The appeal will be put promptly and as a matter, of course, the Chair will state very briefly the basis for the ruling and we will vote on the appeal. The same will be true as to any amendment.

If the Chair rules the amendment germane, it may be appealed. If the Chair rules the amendment not germane, it may be appealed so that the final decision is up to you.

On appeals from the ruling of the Chair, the Chair is sustained unless it is overruled by a majority of those present and voting. On the final votes on each division, as you know, there must be seventy-two votes. On amendments, the action is by a majority of those present and voting.

Mr. Parliamentarian, have there been any points omitted that should be covered? Are there any questions?

Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Mr. President, during your announcements two persons that I hold in great affection have come into the gallery of the Convention, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce them. They are my mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schrott.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Ulrich.

DELEGATE ULRICH: Mr. President, one of the little girls that I failed to introduce when I was on my feet before is Miss Dorey Barrows. She came in a little later and I did not see her. I would like the Convention to welcome her.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Hargrove.

DELEGATE HARGROVE: Mr. President, there has been one lady in the gallery on many occasions during this Convention who I do not believe has been introduced to this Convention. She is the wife of one of the delegates. She is Mrs. David Harkness.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I have a question, Mr. President.