

The future sessions, which are going to involve perhaps many more amendments and more detailed consideration of lengthier recommendations, will make it imperative that the amendments be printed in advance to the greatest extent possible.

We will follow this procedure. Dr. Phillips for the time being will be the staff adviser to assist you in preparing amendments. You do not have to write out the amendment in formal language. Simply let him know what amendments you want, let him know as soon as possible. He will see that the amendment is printed. He will deliver to the delegate proposing the amendment a printed copy or as many additional printed copies as the delegate wants. That will let the delegate know that his amendment has in fact been printed.

The remaining copies, all of which will be unnumbered, will be retained until the session at which the amendment may be pertinent. At that time the amendments will be in the possession of the chief page. When the delegate offers his amendment it will then be read across the desk, will be numbered and simultaneously will be distributed to the delegates.

If amendments are necessary to be prepared in the course of the session, we will follow the same procedure as of yesterday. Quite obviously if the number of such amendments is too great it will slow down any consideration. More importantly, however, the preparation of amendments in advance will insure that they are properly phrased and more carefully thought out than can possibly be the case with amendments which are prepared while the Committee of the Whole is in session.

One other procedural matter I want to take a moment to comment about. I am quite sure that all or nearly all of the delegates realized yesterday that I was not following the Rules of the Convention in permitting debate on the motion for the Committee of the Whole to rise. I permitted debate in that instance because I was disturbed, lest the Convention fall into the habit of deferring debate for further study and thereby impede the progress of our work. Time is growing short, and we must press ahead. At the same time, it is necessary I think that we not have extended debate on a motion to rise. It is a non-debatable motion, just as is a motion to adjourn.

On the other hand, I think it is imperative that before consideration of a motion to rise the entire Committee of the Whole

know what effect on the calendar and agenda for ensuing days the adoption of such a motion would cause. I therefore plan to follow the administrative practice which I think is permitted under the rules and in this the Parliamentarian concurs. In the event a motion to rise is made in the Committee of the Whole by any delegate, it will not be debatable. But before the motion is put to a vote, if it is made by any delegate other than the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda, I will recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda to advise the Committee of the Whole what effect the adoption of the amendment will have on the calendar for the ensuing days.

This will not be debate, but will be merely a statement for the information of the Committee of the Whole. I make the announcement now so that you all will be informed as to the procedure to be followed, and my reasons for it.

I discussed this with the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget. He felt that it was proper construction of the rules, and that it was not necessary to consider a rule amendment to accomplish it.

Are there any announcements by Committee Chairmen?

Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. President, the Committee on Personal Rights and Preamble welcomes this opportunity to get back to work. We will assemble as soon as possible after this meeting to consider matters we have been having under discussion this morning.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: Mr. President, the Committee on the Judicial Branch will meet again fifteen minutes after the adjournment of this session, and hopefully this afternoon or tomorrow will complete our final recommendation to the Convention.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. President, five members of the Committee on Finance and Taxation will meet with a similar subcommittee of the Legislative Branch Committee immediately after this session over at the Shaw House. The members of the Committee on State Finance and Taxation will meet at 3:00 P.M., and I ask them all to be present so we may continue our deliberations.