

THE PRESIDENT: Before the Chairman of the Committee answers the question, let me clarify one matter of procedure.

Unlike the procedure several days ago, where the amendments were inadvertently numbered, they will not be numbered hereafter. They will not be circulated to the delegates until they are ready to be offered by the delegate. They will then be circulated but not before.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I think if that is the practice to be followed, that would square with the rule a little better. You have a point, Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: For what purpose does Delegate Pullen arise?

DELEGATE PULLEN: In reference to Rule 46A [50], I think it is very important.

THE PRESIDENT: You may proceed.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, I think Rule 46A [50] based on personal experience is probably the most intelligent thing the Rules Committee has done yet.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Pullen, the present procedure is only for the purpose of asking questions of the Committee Chairman.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Damned with faint praise.

DELEGATE PULLEN: If I were a lawyer, I could phrase it in the form of a question, but I should like to have the privilege of making this particular comment, and you can put it in the form of a question.

THE PRESIDENT: You will have an opportunity to make any comment you choose as soon as the question period is concluded. I just want to have the question period concluded first.

DELEGATE PULLEN: How long will that be, sir? *(Laughter.)*

DELEGATE SCANLAN: It depends in part on you, Dr. Pullen.

*(Laughter.)*

THE PRESIDENT: I would recognize you first right after the question period is concluded.

DELEGATE PULLEN: I will trust to Providence.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further questions of the Chair for the purpose of clarification? Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: On page 10, there are three ways in your proposed amendment to Rule 50 [54] that reconsideration can be had more than once.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Correct.

DELEGATE MARION: The second in line 12 says "by the convention committee." Do you mean by the majority of the members of that convention committee or by the chairman or by the vice chairman?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: You are quite right. We say "by the convention committee which reported on the matter." Since earlier in the rules dealing with committees you need a majority to have a committee report, we intended it to mean the majority of the committee. A minority could not do it. A majority would have to.

THE PRESIDENT: Any further questions for purposes of clarification? Delegate Burdette?

DELEGATE BURDETTE: Mr. President, I have two questions. Both of my questions are perhaps really directed to the Chair, but I will address them to the Chairman of the Committee in the hope that they may be answered somewhat in the fashion the first question was.

My first question is in pursuance of the question already raised by Delegate Johnson. In the light of the President's interpretation of procedure, which indeed was announced the day before yesterday, how can we properly adopt a rule change which says that amendments must be submitted in writing and a copy delivered to the floor desk of each delegate prior to the time the amendment is offered? It seems to me that the President's procedure is a very much better one, that an amendment be printed, and available, and if it is offered, that it would be distributed. That was the first question.

THE PRESIDENT: This is, if the Chair may answer that, because it is a matter of procedure. This is precisely what is contemplated. Immediately prior to the time of the amendment, a matter of a few seconds, the procedure will be this. The delegates hopefully will have their amendments prepared, given to the staff officer, Dr. Phillips, and printed well in advance of the session. All of the printed amendments with the exception of the one delivered to the sponsor or more if he requests will be delivered to the chief page. These will be retained by her and not distributed until the delegate indicates that he desires to offer the amendment. When the delegate