

particular amendment was dealt with in the committee, if it was rejected, and why it was rejected, et cetera. This might cut down on amendments. After all, we will have at least three or four days before a committee report is taken up once it reaches the Committee of the Whole. I think this would be a salutary practice and might minimize or cut down the number of amendments otherwise offered. I plead guilty here that a number of amendments offered the other day just as well could have been prepared prior to the session.

Your second question, Mr. Wheatley, was in connection with the second reading procedure. I was not quite sure what your question was.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: I do not have any rules here. It is as to the amendment procedure for second and third reading.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: The same amendment procedure we adopt here, if we adopt it, is going to be applicable on second reading too. In other words, when reports start coming back from the Committee on Style to the floor of the Convention for second reading, which will be the key reading, the same rules regarding printing and distribution of amendments would be applicable.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Consideration of amendments would also allow the person to amend seriatim and also on the whole question in the Convention itself, is that correct?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Yes.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Actually you would have at least four opportunities then?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: That is correct.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: How about on third reading?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: The third reading hopefully would be the whole proposed new constitution taken up as one main question. Earlier in the proceedings of this Convention the suggestion was made by at least one delegate which I thought had some merit, that debate be limited on third reading to new matter. But that has never been adopted by the Convention and is a matter that perhaps we might want to think about.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: When the Committee on Style and Drafting reports,

would the same rules of amendment apply again?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: They will report that to the Convention.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Yes, in the Convention.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: That is correct. My answer was yes.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: The possibility would arise here of two other occasions on which amendments—

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Now you are overlapping. Second reading would be consideration of the report of the Committee on Style.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Which would be the exclusive consideration and second reading?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: That is correct.

THE PRESIDENT: Any further questions for purposes of clarification? If not, then before recognizing Delegate Pullen, I would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the Honorable Frederick W. Brune and Mrs. Brune. You all know Judge Brune, former Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland. We are very proud to have them both with us today.

*(Applause.)*

I understand Delegate Pullen has a pressing engagement which may require him to leave before the session is over. The Chair therefore recognizes him at the moment for the purpose of making a comment with respect to this report even though there is no motion now before us. Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. President, I appreciate your courtesy. I want to compliment the Rule Committee on bringing forth Rule 46A [50]. In my innocence two days ago I assumed that the Minority Report was on the desk of every delegate and further that the amendments offered were really in the nature of proposals which would go before the group and be read before consideration. Probably the mistake did some good because it has changed the rule.

But seriously, sir, I think this is very important and I think if we had this material beforehand we would save a lot of talk.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Delegate Pullen. The Chair recognizes Delegate