

In addition, I have been asked to tell each delegate, please when you pick up the microphone, grasp it firmly by the lower portion near the swivel joint. Do not grasp it up towards the front. This results in some sort of electronic disturbance and distortion. Hold it this way, and hold it firmly. Do not hold it away from your face. With the new microphones that have been put in, the volume must be kept down to eliminate distortion. They should be kept an inch or two from your mouth. In this way also if you turn your head, your microphone will follow.

A few simple rules, hold the microphone firmly by the lower portion, not up close to the end. Speak in a normal tone of voice, but hold the microphone within an inch or two from your mouth.

Delegate Gleason, do you have a question to ask the Chairman of the Calendar?

DELEGATE GLEASON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Preliminary to my question, I know the Committee on Calendar and Agenda has a very difficult job trying to rationalize and schedule time to keep pace with the tight schedule that this Convention is operating under. It is difficult for the Committee to establish what is a reasonable rule for all times and for all occasions. I would like to know before we vote on this particular schedule prior to going into the Committee of the Whole, whether we could have some understanding from the Committee Chairman that if at the expiration of the uncontrolled time period there are still other members of the Convention who desire to speak with respect to a particular amendment, time will be extended upon the recommendation of the Committee Chairman.

DELEGATE POWERS: In answer to that, I would say that if it appears that a delegate wishes to be heard on some subject, and he is not given an opportunity under this limitation, steps will be taken to see that he is given the opportunity. This is quite experimental in the sense that it is the first time this has occurred. I believe most of the delegates agree that there should be some kind of limitation to debate. We are trying to be fair. We attempt to be fair. If it appears that the time allotted is not fair, some steps will be taken to correct that situation.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gleason?

DELEGATE GLEASON: I appreciate those comments, and with that understanding, I will vote to go along.

I think the difficulty that some of us have, of course, is that we cannot determine for ourselves ahead of the fact just how many people are going to speak in connection with a particular amendment, but with that understanding, I think we can go on.

THE PRESIDENT: I think the Chair, before the debate schedule is adopted, should also make clear two other things: If you will look at the debate schedule, you will see that it purports to control time for debate on a limited number of subjects. This means that the time on other questions is not controlled, except by the sentence in the beginning portion, that no speech exceeding five minutes will be permitted.

Now, what this means in practical application is this: after the Committee Chairman presents his report and we have had the question and answer period, for which there is no time limit, the Committee Chairman resumes his seat on the Floor. We will follow the practice for convenience of having him occupy the President's chair on the Floor, but he will be speaking from the Floor.

We will then, under this debate schedule, take up the Committee Recommendation LB-1 for section-by-section consideration, seriatim, for purpose of amendment. Section 3.01 would then be open to amendment. Under the rules that we are following, minority spokesmen are entitled to priority in submitting an amendment. In this particular situation, there are, as to some sections, more than one minority report. As to section 3.01, there is only one minority report. Accordingly, when we move into the section-by-section consideration, and section 3.01 is called for amendment, I would recognize Delegate Hanson, who is the spokesman for the minority. At that point, he would present the minority report from the Clerk's desk. This, again, would be a presentation of the minority position, with questions and answers, and not debate.

At the conclusion of that period, Delegate Hanson would resume his seat and would be recognized for the purpose of submitting an amendment. At that point, we would move into the controlled time on that amendment, and the controlled time indicated on the debate schedule would, therefore, apply only to that amendment.

After action by the Committee of the Whole with respect to that amendment,