

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: And what are those steps which you say can be taken to extend the uncontrolled time if it is necessary?

DELEGATE POWERS: If we reach the point where the uncontrolled time appears to be insufficient to give the delegates a reasonable opportunity to present their point, we would move that the Committee of the Whole rise and report to the Convention that we desire to amend the debate schedule to permit further time.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: I would address an inquiry to the Chair. Is there no way to accomplish that purpose without the Committee of the Whole rising and reporting to the Convention?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I do not think so; but the procedure to do that is not a matter of delay. It is a 30 second matter.

Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: My understanding would be that a motion to reconsider an action taken in the Committee of the Whole may be made at any time before the Committee of the Whole rises. Its rising merely to accomplish the purpose outlined by Delegate Bamberger serves to cut off the opportunity to make such motion to reconsider.

THE PRESIDENT: If the Chair were presented that situation it would rule that the rising of the Committee merely to seek further instructions from the Convention would not affect the rule as to reconsideration.

Delegate Clark.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, is it possible to reapportion the controlled time just by announcing it? We have ten minutes allotted to two speakers here. Might I just announce that this would be 15 and 5?

THE PRESIDENT: It is really not working that way, Delegate Clark. The person using the time has complete control over it. For instance, in section 3.04, when I recognize you for debate under that section, you may speak as briefly or as long as you want within that time. Then when I recognize you again, if you did not use your ten minutes, you will simply yield whatever number of minutes you desire to whatever delegate you desire.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: Thank you, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Control merely means that the minority spokesman or majority spokesman is controlling the allocation of that limited time among the delegates to speak. It does not mean that he is speaking himself for that period of time.

Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: Mr. Chairman, is a motion to amend the debate schedule in order?

THE PRESIDENT: It is, sir.

DELEGATE ADKINS: I move that we amend the debate schedule to provide that the length of uncontrolled speeches be extended to five minutes, in lieu of three minutes, as shown on the schedule, and I should like to comment briefly on the proposed amendment, if I am in order.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second to the motion?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: You may proceed.

DELEGATE ADKINS: I suggest, sir, that these are matters of great complexity. I am not one who believes in extensive debate, but I believe in debate of some consequence. I do not think complex presentation of this problem can be adequately stated by any intelligent delegate in three minutes. If the uncontrolled debate is to be meaningful, I think the delegates should have an opportunity to develop their thoughts. I suggest, sir, that they cannot possibly do so in three minutes.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Powers, do you desire to comment?

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, the time of three minutes was agreed upon as permitting different delegates to be heard. If it goes up to five, it means fewer people can be heard. Experience elsewhere that we inquired about showed that two minutes was not enough, and that the average time taken was closer to three than five minutes.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

The question arises on the amendment to the Debate Schedule to provide that in each instance of uncontrolled time within the period of limited debate, the limit be five minutes per speaker rather than three minutes per speaker. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment to increase the