

Convention prematurely. As you know, a motion to adjourn sine die must not be debatable; so we proposed in this rule that if anybody planned such a motion, he would have to give forty-eight hours' notice to the delegates, and it could only be carried by an affirmative vote of a majority of all the delegates to the Convention, namely seventy-two.

We have liberalized the motion for reconsideration somewhat, especially in favor of the Committee on Style, because there will come a time in the Convention in the late days when the Committee on Style will be picking up conflicting provisions, and it will absolutely have to go back and reconsider things. The Committee on Style would, therefore, have the privilege any time, upon proper notice and recognition by the Chair, of asking for reconsideration of the matter.

Finally, I think it is important to call your attention to the proposals for the Committee of the Whole. This device is not used in all deliberative assemblies. It is a very helpful device permitting free debate. The usual restrictions on debate do not apply to the Committee of the Whole. The previous question cannot be called for, and it is contemplated in the Committee of the Whole that the issues of the Convention will really be thrashed out, to find out how people are really feeling about the fundamental issues which the Convention will be facing.

I think the only danger of the Committee of the Whole is it can be used as a filibuster device. I again refer to the point we made, that we hope there will be written into the rules a limitation on debate in the Committee of the Whole. New Jersey had a similar limitation in 1947 that provided that any delegate or the chairman of the substantive committee could move that a time be fixed for the consideration of any proposal; that is, one side would get an hour, and the other side would get an hour. It may be there are other ways to do it. I do think there is one place where the rules will have to be changed, and as I indicated earlier, it was the feeling of the Committee that this change should be made.

There is an error on page 21, the only error that our otherwise competent reporters, Dr. Everstine and Mr. Brooks made. It was very understandable. They had the right figure of an earlier amendment superseded, but it stayed in. Rule 64 [68] now reads improperly; that is that these rules may be amended by the affirmative vote of three-fifths. It was the inten-

tion of the Committee to provide for amendment of the rules by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the delegates to the Convention. Any member of the Committee is free to differ, but it will be in the adoption of the report, which I will move in a second that instead of three-fifths, the majority, may amend the rules.

I think all of you have had some time to go over this. Mr. Chairman, at this time, I would move the adoption of the unanimous report of the Committee on Rules, and that the rules proposed in that report be adopted by this Convention as the rules under which you will operate henceforth unless amended or suspended.

THE CHAIRMAN: The delegate from Montgomery County, Mr. Scanlan, has moved that the rules as proposed by the Temporary Rules Committee be adopted. The Chair recognizes Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, a point of inquiry. On that motion, and if these rules are adopted, are they still open to further amendment today?

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, the Chair thinks that the matter of amendment should be considered before adoption of the rules. The report is on the desk, and the motion to adopt them is made. The matter is open for amendment. It seems to me that we should consider the amendments and then adopt the rules as presented or as amended by vote.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, in regard to the matter of nomination and election of officers, I now offer an amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will receive the delegate's amendment. I would like to ask each delegate to give his name, for the purpose of informing the reporter, who is speaking.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Delegate Weidemeyer of Anne Arundel County.

THE CHAIRMAN: The rules are open to amendment. We will consider the amendments, vote them up or down and then either adopt the original report or the report as amended. The Chair recognizes Delegate Malkus. For what purpose does the delegate rise?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Upon a point of inquiry, Mr. President pro tem. As I understand it, you wanted to vote now on the amendment to the amendment to the rule proposed by Delegate Weidemeyer.