

Whole, but in the Convention, there was no need to put any further restrictions on what the content of debate on third reading would be; so we rejected that proposal.

There was also some question of whether the Chair had authority to call upon various committee chairmen to give a little status report whenever that was appropriate, whether we needed a rule for that. The committee was of the opinion that no such rule was necessary.

So at the end, I return to the beginning, which was our proposed amendment to Rule 5. Let me put it this way: The original proposal was that both the chairman and the vice-chairman of the committees of this Convention would be selected by the President, but in the meeting of the Temporary Rules Committee a few days before our organizing session in July, on motion, I believe of Delegate Gallagher, it was approved, recommended and approved that vice-chairmen be elected. During the debate on the adoption of the rules in our organizing session in July, I believe Delegate Grumbacher offered an amendment which would have made the vice-chairmen subject to the same procedure as the chairman. Both would be appointed. That motion was defeated. In the interval Senator Malkus sponsored an amendment which would go back to the original amendment, the original proposal and have vice-chairmen appointed by the President. There were a number of us the first time around on the committee, a substantial majority, I guess all but one, who thought Senator Malkus's suggestion was a sound one. This was the way it should have been done in the first instance. However, I for one now recognize the wisdom of the rule that required the proposed amendment to the rules to lay over for two days. During the twofull sessions, actually almost three, since you had this proposed change on Tuesday, it has been possible for myself and other members of the Rules Committee to contact especially chairmen of the substantive committees. It is a matter of indifference to them whether the vice-chairmen are elected or whether appointed by the President. This, then, removes one of the assumptions upon which the rule change was made. The committee originally recommended that the vice-chairmen be appointed because this would possibly avoid a hazard arising from a dispute with their chairmen and being elected by their peers. He would have been appointed by the President. There might be a division of power, and the vice-chairman might be the really powerful man. On the other hand, the Convention would be

looking to the chairman to get the job done, but since we now have learned that the chairmen are not at all concerned about the rule as it now stands, and since unfortunately, due to, well, I think it has been misconstrued and misinterpreted as a possible clash of power, and would produce a floor fight for nothing, finally because as one of the Committee members points out, what does a vice-chairman do? It is sort of like Will Rogers's definition of a lieutenant governor. He knocks on the door. The door opens. He says, "how is the Governor;" someone says, "fine." He says "Oh, hell," and goes out and plays golf.

Really, when you reduce it to its simplest terms, the committee felt that the game was not worth the gamble, and we are therefore withdrawing our proposed amendment to Rule 5. Therefore, Mr. President, fellow delegates, I move that the first report of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget be adopted with the exception that our proposed amendment to Rule 5 and Rule 20 be withdrawn and not be considered part of the report now pending before the Convention.

THE PRESIDENT: Before we act on the motion, or even receive a second, I want to give the delegates the opportunity to ask the Chairman of the committee any questions about his report up to this point. Are there any questions to be asked of the Chairman of the committee? Delegate Chabot?

DELEGATE CHABOT: A parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman: The rule that limits the members to speaking once on each subject, does this apply to the entire report or may they speak once as to all the amendments, or are the amendments to be taken up seriatim so that we may speak once as to each of them?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair proposes to make the following rules in connection with the report of the Committee and the motion just made.

In the absence of objection, the Committee's withdrawal of its proposed amendment to Rule 5 would be accepted. If there is any objection, the proposal will not be withdrawn. If any member desires to have separate debate on the various rule changes, there will be separate debate on the various rule changes. Therefore, if a member desires to speak more than once, I would suggest that he request separate consideration of any rules as to which he may desire to comment.