

DELEGATE CHABOT: I would like to ask a question of the Chairman of the Rules Committee with regard to the meaning of proposed Rule 20A [21]. At the second reading of a proposal, the proposal will be before the Convention in the form of a report from the Committee on Drafting, still an argument, and not before the Convention in the form of a report from the substantive committee.

Will the chairman of the substantive committee have the privileges of a chairman of the committee under the Rule 20A [21] at the time of the second reading?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I think that would be the intention. I would think the Chairman of the Committee on Style, if the report he was presenting would give rise to substantive questions, would defer to the chairman of the original substantive committee from which it came, and he would stand in the shoes of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and would have the privileges afforded by the rule.

DELEGATE CHABOT: May I ask the question with regard to Rule 28A [30]. As I understand it, the Committee on General Provisions is required to report a schedule of interim legislation where appropriate, and I suspect that it is probable that the committee cannot effectively do its work until after the Convention has done a substantial part of its work on the parts of the Constitution. Was the question of the status of such a schedule intended to be also the subject of this November 17 time limit?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Let me put it this way. That issue was never presented to the committee in the terms that you have just stated it. I for one certainly take the position that since the Committee on General Provisions can hardly prepare a schedule if it has nothing else before it, that obviously the rule was not intended to reach them; but I think on the other hand, you would not want to draft the rule with the general exemption in favor of the Committee on General Provisions, because they have other substantive work to do, too; so I would suggest for a while that we leave the rule as proposed, and maybe draft some language. After all, the Committee on Rules will be here for the next 90, perhaps 120 days. It is not a matter that we have to reach today, since it will be a tail end matter. Obviously, I would think in that case, an affirmative vote of the majority of delegates would entertain a report from the Committee on General Provisions dealing with the schedule, but I agree with

you, let's make it clear; but I think we can do that with careful language as a further amendment to Rule 28A [30]. I agree with you, the intent of this rule as it now stands is not to preclude a belated report from the Committee on General Provisions dealing with the schedule. Does this answer your question?

DELEGATE CHABOT: Yes, sir, and as to Rule 37 [39], would the Chairman explain the reason why a limitation, a motion to make a limitation under that rule must be made before a proposal is taken up?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Well, in order to have some order in the proceeding, these proposals in the Committee of the Whole will be on the general order agenda, I believe it is called, either general or special orders; so there will be time in advance to know what is coming up. The Chairman of the Committee on the Calendar will be the man most conversant with that schedule, and it is possible, I suppose, that a proposal could suddenly come out that had not been anticipated, and no time to plan a debate limitation or a time limitation, but that could be dealt with in the Committee of the Whole. They would have the power to deal with it.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further questions of the Chairman of the Committee? Delegate Rybczynski?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Mr. President, I would like to ask a question concerning the amendment to Rule No. 28. It occurs to me that because of the importance of these reports, that this rule is a very good one. However, it occurs to me that minority reports will likewise be very important for the future.

In the event that a delegate finds himself in a minority at the last minute on November 17, for instance, will there be an opportunity at a later date under these rules to submit a minority report for the consideration of the Convention?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I believe that a previous rule, I will turn to Rule 28 [29] as it now stands which provides that the report of a minority of at least 20 per cent of the members of any committee shall be received, printed in the same manner as the majority report and treated as an amendment or substitute.

So if there is a minority of 20 per cent, it is a guarantee of a written report, which hopefully would also contain the reasons for the minority's position. Although Rule 28 [29] would not guarantee that the re-