

cuss the matter with Delegate Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda as to whether you should be allowed a spot on tomorrow's calendar for that purpose?

DELEGATE DABROWSKI: Certainly.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Mr. Clerk, are there any motions or resolutions?

CHIEF CLERK: There are none, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: If not, the next order of business. Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. President, I will ask you to permit me to speak one or two minutes before I offer a motion.

THE PRESIDENT: I do not think we can do that, Delegate White. I think we have to know the matter to which you are addressing your remarks.

DELEGATE WHITE: I propose to offer a motion to have the proposed amendment to Rule 5 taken from the table.

THE PRESIDENT: I believe the motion is not debatable. Is there a second? The motion by Delegate White is to take from the table the recommendation of the Committee on Rules, Credentials, and Convention Budget with respect to a possible amendment to Rule 5. You may recall that the recommendation was offered several days ago. The Chairman of the Committee desired to withdraw it. The Chair ruled that the recommendation was before the Convention. There was a motion to table further consideration of it. Delegate White now moves to take that from the table.

This motion, the motion to take from the table, is not debatable. If seconded, it would be voted upon. So that you may know what the issue is, I will ask the reading clerk to read the portion of the committee report which deals with the possible amendment to Rule 5.

READING CLERK: Amendment to Rule 5. In Rule 5, delete the third sentence and insert the words, "a vice-chairman", after the word "chairman" in the first sentence.

THE PRESIDENT: This is the rule which had to do with the election or selection of vice-chairmen of committees. Delegate White?

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. President, I wonder if I am in order if I offer a motion

subsequent to the one now before you to seek permission to speak for two minutes, by unanimous agreement.

THE PRESIDENT: You may seek that permission now, Delegate White. Is that your desire?

DELEGATE WHITE: I ask your permission to speak not to exceed two minutes.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection to granting permission to Delegate White to speak for two minutes on the motion to take from the table the recommendation of the Committee with respect to an amendment to Rule 5? Delegate Scanlan?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: As Chairman of the Rules Committee, I hate to object to anybody's right to exercise his privilege of free speech, but I think we would establish a very bad precedent if we are going to permit members to make little speeches for very motion, especially when that motion under the rules of parliamentary procedure of this Convention and under the rules of any parliamentary convention is an undebatable motion. I object.

A DELEGATE: I second Delegate White's motion.

THE PRESIDENT: Just a second, please. Delegate White, you may move for a suspension of rules, which would permit you to discuss it if you desire to do so.

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. President, I move that we suspend the rule in order that I may speak for two minutes.

A DELEGATE: Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT: Your motion is that you may speak for two minutes with respect to your motion to take from the table. Is there a second?

A DELEGATE: Second.

THE PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question arises on the motion of Delegate White to suspend the rules so as to permit him to speak for not more than two minutes in offering his motion to take from the table a report of the Committee with respect to a possible amendment to Rule 5. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. I am sorry, Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. President, I am wondering as a matter of parliamentary inquiry, not to interrupt the roll call, but what would be the position of the committee who may have already elected a vice-chairman if this motion prevails.