

THE PRESIDENT: Your inquiry is pertinent if and when we reach the point of discussing the possible amendment. I do not think it is pertinent now.

Any discussion of the motion to suspend the rules? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Noes seem to have it. The Noes have it. Delegate Bard.

DELEGATE BARD: Mr. President, might one ask for a roll call vote?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes. Does one?

DELEGATE BARD: I do.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Bard, would you take the microphone, please?

DELEGATE BARD: Mr. President, I ask for a roll call vote.

THE PRESIDENT: You may have it if you are supported by ten seconders.

I think it would be better if you would rise so that we can see if there are ten. There are, clearly. A roll call vote on the previous question. The question arises on the motion to suspend the rules so as to permit Delegate White to speak for two minutes, or not more than two minutes, in support of his motion to take from the table the report of the Rules Committee with respect to Rule No. 5.

Signify your votes. Have all delegates voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote? If not, the Clerk will record the vote.

There being 70 votes in the affirmative and 65 in the negative, the motion is carried.

The chair recognizes Delegate White, but before you speak may I ask if there is a second to Delegate White's motion to take from the table the report of the Committee with respect to Rule 5? Is there a second?

DELEGATE MITCHELL: I second.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Mitchell seconds. Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. President, I am a delegate from the Fourth District. I find it a bit confusing to have the Rules Committee present a rule which theoretically was well thought out before its presentation to this august body, and then to represent a version of this, asking for a change, and then to come before us and say that they have found it possibly unwise to present and support the change.

In discussing this issue with the delegate a few minutes ago, he stated that a storm had arisen because of this proposal, which is now on the table, and I told him that if the storm had arisen, it somehow escaped me. I have been here every day in this Convention, and, Mr. President, I am opposed to a steam roller in this Convention. I wish to participate in the decision-making in this room, Mr. President, and, of course, on the question of my group, I would like to see one of us as a vice-chairman on one of these committees, and at this point, Mr. President, I am not sure as to whether we are in a better position to have a Negro vice-chairman of this fine Convention if he is going to be appointed or elected. Regardless of whether the motion prevails or not, or is taken from the table, I think we should think this thing out and we could start making decisions in caucuses outside of this organization and bring them here where we can debate them. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question now arises on the motion to take from the table the report of the Committee on Rules, Credentials, and Convention Budget with respect to a possible amendment to Rule 5. A vote Aye is a vote to take from the table and to reopen the report to discussion. A vote No will not take it from the table. Are you ready for the question? Cast your votes. Have all delegates voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote? The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 16 votes in the affirmative and 118 votes in the negative the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

Are there any other motions or resolutions? Delegate Bamberger?

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Mr. President, there is on the desk of each delegate a commentary on the second report of the Committee on Rules, Credentials, and Convention Budget.

THE PRESIDENT: Is this an announcement or a motion?

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: This is a resolution which, if it were here, I would place before the Convention. Accompanying that commentary was the second report, which I presume should be introduced at this point on the agenda in order that it be considered two days hence. My point is to assure that when and if we find that report, which accompanies the commentary, that it may be placed before us today.

THE PRESIDENT: I am sorry, but the Chair does not have a copy of it. If you