

1 primarily because most of us believed that the matters  
2 dealt with in the resolution and the information that is  
3 sought were already going to be provided, and therefore  
4 there was no need for further action.

5 A number of us were concerned, and certainly  
6 your Chairman was one, that by reporting out a resolution,  
7 it was either premature or moot, or on which action was  
8 unnecessary, at the time, there might be established some  
9 precedent whereby all resolutions, no matter how premature,  
10 no matter how moot, no matter how unnecessary, would have  
11 to be reported out to the Convention to consume the valuable  
12 time of the Convention in debate, and discussion, and deci-  
13 sion.

14 At this point in time, I suppose we can afford  
15 the luxury of debating matters that are moot or premature.  
16 In fact, the day is fast pressing upon us when we will not  
17 have this luxury, and to waste time in debate on matters  
18 that are moot or premature would be a dangerous thing and  
19 trespassing upon the valuable time of the Convention, which  
20 could be better used in debating the great substantive  
21 issues that soon will be reaching the Committee of the Whole.