

on this issue and if the vote was against the committee recommendation, to move for a reconsideration of that vote in order to offer an amendment.

The only other alternative the Chair sees open to the sponsor of the amendment would be to offer the amendment at the beginning of the uncontrolled debate. You would then have a vote on the amendment before you had a vote on the committee recommendation. With that statement to the sponsors or would be sponsors and to the Committee of the Whole, I can let the matter rest over the recess unless there is a parliamentary inquiry with respect to the announcement just made.

Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: Point of inquiry on procedure. Assume for the purpose of argument that the amendment were defeated, or the Committee Report were defeated, isn't the article still open for consideration and wouldn't it—

THE CHAIRMAN: It would not then be before us. The committee recommendation would then be disapproved. The only other course open other than the one the Chair indicated would be the long, tedious course of proceeding through committee again because proposals must come to the floor either through the means of committee recommendations or delegate proposals or amendments and in this situation we have nothing to amend. Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: At the end of the consideration of the article in the form of a section?

THE CHAIRMAN: Under the debate schedule under which we are operating here, each of these recommendations is to be considered separately and voted on separately.

I think the same result could be achieved quite obviously if the motion for reconsideration were made, the mover would have full opportunity to explain the purpose and to explain the amendment he wanted to offer. If the Committee of the Whole wanted to consider it, they could do so. Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: In consideration of the fairmindedness of this group, I am sure we will all cooperate in this procedure.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: Mr. Chairman, could we also reach the question of a vote on this initial issue if we offer an amendment to delete the section?

THE CHAIRMAN: I think that is equivalent to simply a vote of disapproving the committee recommendation. I see no purpose to be served by it. The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I move the Committee of the Whole rise and report that it has not concluded consideration of the Committee Recommendation SF2.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. So ordered.

(Whereupon, at 6 P.M., the Committee of the Whole rose, and the Convention reconvened.)

(The mace was replaced by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)

PLENARY SESSION

DECEMBER 4, 1967—6:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order.

On behalf of the Committee of the Whole, the Chair reports it has had under consideration Committee Recommendation SF-2 and still has it under consideration and desires leave to sit again.

Are there any announcements by committee chairmen? If not, any delegates present now, not present at roll call, may indicate their presence on the supplemental roll call. The Clerk will record the supplemental roll call. The Clerk will record the roll call.

Any further announcements? Delegate Stern.

DELEGATE STERN: Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to inform the Convention that Delegate Storm's wife was operated on day before Thanksgiving, returned home yesterday, and is doing fine. All send her their best wishes.