

The time having arrived for consideration of the special orders, we will now proceed to a consideration of the special orders, being Item 9 on the Calendar.

The first special order is the further consideration on second reading of Committee Report S&D-9 with respect to Committee Recommendation R&P-1 and 2, and particularly that portion dealing with section 1.17.

At the time of the recess on Friday, I think it was, before this item was made the special order, we had under consideration Amendment No. 5 to section 1.01. By a tie vote the Convention had just rejected the motion to reconsider.

Delegate Hostetter had indicated a desire to move again to reconsider. We had the dinner recess, and during the dinner recess had worked out the arrangement under which this was made a special order.

The Parliamentarian calls my attention to the fact that inadvertently I erred in stating what had happened, because, as all of you know, the reconsideration of the vote by which Amendment No. 5 was adopted was carried, so that it was reconsidered, and it was after reconsideration that the amendment was rejected by the tie vote. In any event, before the recess for dinner you had that situation with respect to Amendment No. 5. Delegate Hostetter had the floor to make his motion to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 5 was rejected.

During the dinner recess, it had been agreed that the matter would be made a special order. The Chair had indicated at that time that there were, I think, three other amendments to section 1.17 which the sponsors had indicated they wished to offer in the event Amendment No. 5 was rejected, and the Chair had indicated that if it was rejected, the sponsors of those amendments would be recognized in the order indicated.

Since the action on Friday, a number of delegates have asked me to advise them as to the parliamentary situation with respect to the consideration of this matter and any amendments that may be desired to be offered.

I have expressed the opinion of the Chair as to the parliamentary situation, and I think since this has been made known to a number of delegates on both sides of this issue, it would be well if I were to state it now to the entire Convention, so that all of you will be fully advised as to what the Chair conceives the parliamentary situation to be.

As we begin consideration of this matter, section 1.17, the Chair proposes to recognize Delegate Hostetter for the purpose of moving to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 5 was rejected, that is, the tie vote.

The matter on consideration at that time, therefore, will be the motion to reconsider. If the motion to reconsider is carried, then Amendment No. 5, which is the amendment to delete the entire section, will be before the Convention.

At that time — and it is important that you understand this thoroughly — the persons who have amendments to the main question, that is, to section 1.17, have available to them two alternate courses of action; they can refrain from offering these amendments until after the vote on Amendment No. 5 is taken, and if on that vote Amendment No. 5 is adopted, the entire section would be deleted, and there would be no necessity to offer the additional amendments.

If Amendment No. 5 is rejected, then section 1.17 would be before you open to amendment, and the sponsors of these amendments could at that time offer the amendments. That is one course of action that is open, and that is the course of action that was indicated last week the sponsors chose to follow.

They have available to them, however, an alternate action. If the motion to reconsider is adopted, Amendment No. 5 is before you. That is a motion to delete the entire section. While that amendment is pending, any perfecting amendments to the main question — that is, to section 1.17 — are in order, may be offered, may be considered, and may be voted upon before there is a vote on Amendment No. 5. Therefore, the sponsors of any of these other amendments or all of them can, while the question is pending on the adoption of Amendment No. 5 and before it is voted upon, offer and get action on any of their amendments.

I would like to be certain that that procedure is clearly understood, and I will take a moment to repeat the net effect.

The Chair has, I suppose, a half dozen amendments to section 1.17. Each of the sponsors, acting separately — none can bind the other — has available to him or her two choices: either withholding the amendment until after there has been a vote on Amendment No. 5 and offering their perfecting amendment to section 1.17 only if Amendment No. 5 fails; or while