

ardless of which way he voted on the Amendment No. 18. The Chair recognizes Delegate Clagett to speak to the motion to reconsider.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, in order that there could be no confusion at the outset, I voted in opposition to the amendment at the time that the vote was cast, and I would now urge those who voted for it to reconsider, and very carefully understand what they have done.

Section 5.10, as drafted, and recommended by the—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clagett, will you pardon the Chair a moment?

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Certainly.

THE CHAIRMAN: Will the Sergeant-at-Arms please see if he can find Delegate Malkus in the corridors?

You may proceed, Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: This sounds like a good opportunity. However, I am quite serious about the merits of the matter, rather than any other aspects that may have gotten into the current and stream of things.

THE CHAIRMAN: For what purpose does Delegate Scanlan rise?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: A point of personal privilege, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not believe your personal privilege can interrupt a speaker during debate. The Chairman will recognize you when he finishes.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: A parliamentary inquiry, perhaps.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your inquiry.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: My inquiry is, would it not be more considerate not to proceed with argument on reconsideration until Delegate Malkus has returned to the chamber? This matter could then be taken up immediately upon his return. He will not be here to hear the arguments being made against his original proposal and I do not think it quite fair.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair rang the quorum bell when the motion was made. The Chair has sent the Sergeant-at-Arms to find Senator Malkus, if possible. We will wait a few moments and see what the Sergeant-at-Arms reports.

Would you relax a moment, Delegate Clagett?

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, may I relax with the statement that I would be most happy to wait until after lunch and be sure that the good senator and delegate is present. What I have to say goes to the merits, not to the personality, although to a certain extent—

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, if you will relax, we will wait a moment. Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, would it be appropriate to make a committee announcement at this time while we are waiting?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I think so. Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, the Committee on the Legislative Branch will meet in Room H-8 immediately after we adjourn the full Convention today. I want to tell the committee that, through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist, lunch is being provided in the committee room from the leftover's of last night's party.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair is advised that Delegate Malkus is on his way to the chamber and will be here momentarily.

While we are waiting, are there any other announcements by committee chairmen which need be made before lunch? Delegate Scanlan?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: There will be a very brief meeting of the Rules Committee right after the recess for lunch down in the basement of the Shaw House.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hodge Smith?

DELEGATE J. H. SMITH: A point of personal privilege, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the privilege.

DELEGATE J. H. SMITH: I would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of Mrs. Smith, who is celebrating her wedding anniversary today.

*(Applause)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair cannot refrain from inquiring whether Delegate Hodge Smith would like to correct the record to say "our," instead of "her."

DELEGATE BENNETT: Leave it to the Committee on Style.

THE CHAIRMAN: Will the Clerk please sound the quorum bell again?