

MR. DICKINSON: Mr. Speaker, am I not entitled to five minutes as the member offering this motion to recommit?

THE SPEAKER: The Chair will advise the gentleman that that procedure is not applicable on a motion to recommit a simple resolution.

MR. DICKINSON: Mr. Speaker, is that also true when there are instructions in the motion to recommit?

THE SPEAKER: The Chair will advise the gentleman that the procedure permitting 10 minutes of debate on a motion to recommit with instructions only applies to bills and joint resolutions.

***Motion to Recommit Conference Report With Instructions***

**§ 30.6 When the previous question on agreeing to a conference report has been ordered, a motion to recommit is not debatable.**

On Sept. 27 (a continuation of the legislative day of Sept. 25), 1961,<sup>(6)</sup> the House had just ordered the previous question on the conference report on H.R. 9169, providing supplemental appropriations for fiscal 1962. Mr. Silvio O. Conte, of Massachusetts, was recognized and offered a motion to recommit the conference report with instructions that the House conferees insist on their disagree-

6. 107 CONG. REC. 21524, 87th Cong. 1st Sess.

ment to a particular Senate amendment. After the Clerk reported the motion the following occurred:

MR. CONTE: Mr. Speaker, a parliamentary inquiry.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE:<sup>(7)</sup> The gentleman will state it.

MR. CONTE: Is the motion debatable?

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE: It is not debatable.

**§ 31. As Related to Other Motions; Precedence**

***Previous Question***

**§ 31.1 The motion for the previous question on a motion to recommit takes precedence over an amendment to the motion to recommit.**

On Aug. 11, 1969,<sup>(8)</sup> the House was considering H.R. 12982, the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1969. After Mr. Alvin E. O'Konski, of Wisconsin, offered a motion to recommit the bill, Mr. Brock Adams, of Washington, was recognized:

MR. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the motion to recommit.

MR. [JOHN L.] McMILLAN [of South Carolina]: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the the motion to recommit.

7. John W. McCormack (Mass.).

8. 115 CONG. REC. 23143, 91st Cong. 1st Sess.

THE SPEAKER:<sup>(9)</sup> The question is on ordering the previous question on the motion to recommit.<sup>(10)</sup>

***Motion to Recommit With Instructions and "Straight" Motions***

**§ 31.2 A motion to recommit with instructions does not take precedence over a straight motion to recommit, both motions being on an equal footing**

On Mar. 29, 1954,<sup>(11)</sup> the House was considering House Resolution 468, relating to expenses incurred in conducting investigations authorized by the rules of the House. The Speaker, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, then recognized Mr. Augustine B. Kelley, of Pennsylvania:

MR. KELLEY of Pennsylvania: Mr Speaker, I offer a motion to recommit.

THE SPEAKER: Is the gentleman opposed to the resolution?

MR. KELLEY of Pennsylvania: I am, Mr. Speaker.

MR. (CLARE E.) HOFFMAN of Michigan: Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit with instructions.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair is obliged to say that, by reason of a time-honored custom, the motion to recommit

9. John W. McCormack (Mass.).

10. See also 91 CONG. REC. 2739, 79th Cong. 1st Sess., Mar. 24, 1945.

11. 100 CONG. REC. 3962-67, 83d Cong. 2d Sess.

belongs to the minority party if they claim the privilege, and in this instance they have claimed it. Therefore, the Chair is constrained to recognize the gentleman from Pennsylvania [MR. KELLEY], for that purpose.

MR. HOFFMAN of Michigan: Mr. Speaker, does not a motion to recommit with instructions take precedence over a straight motion to recommit?

THE SPEAKER: It does not. All motions to recommit are on an equal footing.

**§ 32. Motions to Recommit With Instructions**

***Precedence***

**§ 32.1 The motion to recommit with instructions does not take precedence over a straight motion to recommit.**

On Nov. 25, 1970,<sup>(12)</sup> the House was considering H.R. 19504, the Federal Aid Highway Act. Both Mr. Frederick Schwengel, of Iowa, and Mr. Joel T. Broyhill, of Virginia, sought to offer motions to recommit. Mr. Brock Adams, of Washington, was then recognized to propound a parliamentary inquiry.

MR. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, would a specific motion to recommit with instructions have priority over a general motion to recommit? Did the gen-

12. 116 CONG. REC. 38997, 91st Cong. 2d Sess.