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Blosser Amendment to Ruling of RPT Chairman Re: RPT Rule 8c

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copy of amendment
attached
item (A)

Motion fails
31 to 31

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Apparently, there is confusion -some believe the proposed amendment applied just to amendments at the Organizational Meeting, and others believe the proposed amendment applies at all times. It appears clarification is needed.

In response to your request for clarification, I have:

- 1) read the Bylaw provision referenced, specifically the proposed amendment language found in the subsection entitled "Organizational Meeting." The proposed amendment language reads: "SREC Bylaws or Rules shall always be amendable by majority vote of the entire membership, subject only to the adopted notice requirements."
- 2) have been made aware of a video of the Rules Committee when the proposed amendment to the RPT Party Rules was offered by SREC member Jeremy Blosser, who stated the rationale was to make the amendment rules for the SREC Bylaws parallel with the wording of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition.
- 3) reviewed the script prepared by the Convention Parliamentarian for guidance of the Rules Committee Chairman when presenting the proposed amendment.
- 4) reviewed the video footage of the presentation by the Rules Committee Chairman to the Convention General Session of the proposed Bylaw amendment.

Ⓜ Ruling: The proposed amendment, as adopted at the Convention, ^{always} ~~only~~ applies to the Organizational Meeting. ~~At all other times, a 2/3 vote with previous notice is required.~~ ^{SREC bylaws}

My reasons for the ruling are:

- 1) The rationale for the proposed amendment was mistaken, as Roberts Rules provides: "[page 580, l. 25] Amendment of Bylaws. The bylaws should always prescribe the procedure for their amendment, and [page 581] such provision should always require at least that advance notice be given in a specified manner, and that the amendment be approved by a two-thirds vote. If the bylaws contain no provision for their amendment, they can be amended by a two-thirds vote if previous notice (in the sense defined on p. 121) has been given, or they can be amended by the vote of a majority of the entire membership." The SREC Bylaws have always had a provision on amendment requiring a 2/3 vote; therefore, there was confusion over the need for the proposed amendment.
- 2) The proposed amendment is found in the Bylaws in a subsection entitled "Organizational Meeting," which deals with the initial meeting of the newly formed SREC.
- 3) The motion by the Convention Rules Committee Chairman to the Convention General Session referenced the proposed amendment as applying only to the Organizational Meeting.
- 4) When I "put" the question to a vote, I did so in the context of amendments made at the Organizational Meeting only. In that regards, I inquired of the Parliamentarian what the effect of how the vote was put to the Convention and he

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RPT chairman Ruling Re: RPT Rule 8c - Rule 8c only applies

to SREC organizational meeting.

Motion passes 31 to 30

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Totals

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Resolution in Favor of Protecting Freedom of Speech and Freedom

of Association
(copy attached)

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Motion Passes
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A Resolution in Favor of Protecting Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Association

WHEREAS, in the last two Legislative Sessions, there have been attempts to impose stringent reporting requirements on citizen and nonprofit groups that engage in political speech in the form of SB 346 (2013) and SB 19 Committee Substitute (2015) requiring them to report their donors and members to the Government; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Governor Perry vetoed SB 346 stating, "*Freedom of association and freedom of speech are two of our most important rights enshrined in the Constitution. My fear is that SB 346 would have a chilling effect on both of those rights in our democratic political process. While regulation is necessary in the administration of Texas political finance laws, no regulation is tolerable that puts anyone's participation at risk or that can be used by any government, organization or individual to intimidate those who choose to participate in our process through financial means;*" and

WHEREAS, in 2015, in response to questions regarding this issue, Governor Abbott stated, "*I've already written about it as a justice on the Texas Supreme Court. I wrote that laws like that are unconstitutional, and I based that decision on United States Supreme Court decisions, and I think it's important for legislators not to try to pass laws that have already been ruled unconstitutional;*" and

WHEREAS, a federal version of these bills authored by Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer in 2012 was opposed by every Republican Senator; and

WHEREAS, it would be cost prohibitive for most small and/or volunteer groups to expend the financial resources required to comply with the complex reporting requirements only to risk significant fines and penalties should they make a mistake; and

WHEREAS, members and donors could face harassment and retaliation for the support and/or membership to certain organizations as was seen in 2012 when the National Organization of Marriage donor list was given to the anti-traditional marriage Human Rights Campaign, and again when the IRS targeted individuals associated with conservative groups; and

WHEREAS, instances of harassment resulting from disclosure have become so prominent in recent years, they have appeared in the opinions of Supreme Court Justices, in Congressional floor debates, and in the op-ed pages of major newspapers; and

WHEREAS, the risk of such harassment and retaliation would have the effect of discouraging political participation and speech; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we call for the Texas Legislature to uphold the Republican principles of freedom of speech, freedom of association and limited government by rejecting any legislation that, in the name of transparency, expands government by requiring the reporting of members and/or donors of citizen and nonprofit organizations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Lt. Governor, all Republican members of the Texas Senate and Texas House of Representatives, and all Republican members of the Texas Congressional Delegation.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Deon Starnes, SD 30
Debbie Terry, SD 12

Passed Resolutions Committee 12/2/16

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Resolution for the State of Texas to secure its Electric Grid

(copy attached)

(C)

Motion passed

55 to 1 + 1 present
not voting

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A Resolution for the State of Texas to Secure its Electric Grid

WHEREAS, The Texas grid is contained within our borders, the State of Texas has the unique opportunity to protect our electric grid infrastructure from threats of terrorism and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, A Congress has acknowledged the threats to our American power grid from cyber attacks, terrorism, geomagnetic storms, and electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attacks; and

WHEREAS, The White House has publicly acknowledged the validity of these threats to our American power grid; and

WHEREAS, further inaction by our Federal Government will leave our electric grid vulnerable to disasters, both foreign and man made; and

WHEREAS, The Republican Party of Texas has laid out in its platform four distinct areas in which we wish to see our Texas power grid protected: 1. Cyber attacks on the grid's computerized command and control system. 2. Physical attacks on substations and major high voltage transformers. 3. Geomagnetic storms created by solar flares from the sun. 4. Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP); and

RESOLVED, Be it resolved we call on the Governor of Texas, Lt. Gov. of Texas, Speaker of the House, and all members of the Legislature, to take necessary actions to secure the Texas electric power grid against all of the threats described above.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SREC Sponsor: Sue Evenwel SD#: 1 Mt. Pleasant, Titus County
Passed by Resolutions Committee 12/2/16

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motion to recommend Donnis Paul as CD36 elector in

2016 Electoral
College,
motion failed

7 yea

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