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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS-CHAUFFEURS WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS OF AMERICA

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TAKEN FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, HELD
IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, BEGINNING WED-
NESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1951.

Attorney John C. Stevenson appeared before the General Executive Board. Before his appearance the General President was required by an urgent matter concerning the International Brotherhood, to absent himself from the meeting room and had turned over the presiding chair to Secretary-Treasurer English.

Attorney Stevenson spoke of adverse court decisions in the State of California which were due to a great extent to the provisions of ARTICLE II, Section 2 (g) of the Constitution of the International Brotherhood providing that no individual owner or vender shall be eligible for office in any local or to vote on any wage and hour scale unless the local is composed entirely of individual owners or venders. He urged that since paragraph (h) of the same Article and section empowers the General Executive Board to change, alter and amend this paragraph (g) when necessity arises, such amendment should be made and suggested that because of the serious adverse legal situation caused by paragraph (g), Section 2, ARTICLE II of the Constitution, such paragraph should be amended as follows:

"ARTICLE II, Section 2, paragraph (g) of the Constitution of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, is hereby and by order of the General Executive Board, amended to read as follows:

"After the word "venders", appearing in the last line, the following shall be added:

"The General President may, however, when he deems advisable, for the best interest of the International

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Union and the local union concerned and upon petition and recommendation of the local union, allow, subject to other provisions of this Constitution, full voting rights in such local union to all individual owners or venders who are members of said local union. Written notice to said local union, signed by the General President shall be conclusive evidence of such action and of the authority of the local union to permit such voting rights."

After considering this matter at some length, Vice-President Beck moved that the amendment suggested by Attorney Stevenson be adopted and approved by the General Executive Board. This motion was seconded by Vice-President Brewster and was carried by unanimous vote and ARTICLE II, Section 2, paragraph (g) was amended.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the General Executive Board of February 6, 1951.

ACTING FOR DANIEL J. BORIN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of March, 1951.

Notary Public

My commission expires Oct. 21, 1951