

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
MAY 4 - 5, 2016**

**Resolution No. 20: Reiteration of 1960 National Executive Committee Resolution to Remind
Chairmen of National Convention Committees of Their Authority to Amend,
Consolidate, Approve, Reject, etc., Resolutions for Further Study Before Being Acted
Upon**

Origin: Internal Affairs Commission

Submitted By: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion is concerned with the fact that resolutions designed for consideration of the national convention are sometimes faultily drawn in that they are

1. Couched in ambiguous wording not clearly defining an intent;
2. Designed with no material relevance to any program for which The American Legion was formed; or
3. Impossible to use since they contain errors of fact or law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled at Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 2016, That chairmen and members of National Convention committees are reminded that they have the authority to amend, consolidate, approve, reject, refer back to the originating authority, or refer to a standing commission and its staff for further study, in addition to other parliamentary procedures set forth in the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions of The American Legion or *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, as they consider resolutions referred to them for study; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in the exercise of their authority they have the responsibility of transmitting to all Legionnaires, to the Congress, and to the public, their determination that The American Legion shall engage only in those activities for which it was organized; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the national adjutant be and he hereby is directed to transmit copies of this resolution no later than September 15th of every year to the National Convention committee chairman with the direction that it be read to all of said committees at the time of their organization with copies to each department commander, department adjutant and department NECman, chairman of the national commissions and committees, directors of all commissions and the chairman of National Convention committees who shall receive a copy upon their election to the convention committee chair; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 20, adopted May 4-5, 1960, is hereby rescinded.