

6. Ten second rule and 7. three second rule. Only in the game of basketball do we require the offensive team to come to the defensive team, and then after they do so, limit them to only a portion of one half the entire playing space in which to maneuver. We have always gone on record as an Association in placing the responsibility for whatever stalling we have had in the past on the defensive team and then, gentlemen, we recommend legislation, committing that we have falsely accused the defense. Why handicap an offense with only a portion of one-half the court to play in while we allow the defense the whole court? Is that consistent with our ethics of fair play? Should we handicap either one of the two important phases of our game? I say, No. We are gradually taking all the clever team play, in both offense and defense, away for our game and placing more and more stress on individuality.

In the Metropolitan area this past season several games were played with the ten second rule out, until the last five minutes on the, and it proved a very successful experiment. If we are afraid to gamble, let us say, with a change, let us at least experiment further.

Let us return again to stalling. What brought Stalling? Tight defenses thrown around the basket and staying there, Particularly the types bordering on the zone. In Atlanta a few years ago we spent hours trying to find some sort of legislation to curtail zone defenses without definitely coming out and stating that all types of zone defenses were prohibited. At that time we were nearly unanimously against this type of defense. Yet, we turn around the next year and recommend the passing of Rule 8, Section 8 (ten second rule) and further aid the zone defense. Then to add further insult to injury, we recommend the three second rule, only to have the Rules body aid more by making it with or without the ball. Are we consistent in our policies or are we playing this international game or ours for our own advantages, depending on what kind of material we have on hand for the next season, or for what our spectators want? It is about time we recommend some legislation for the game's sake. Open the court to both elements, put the ten second rule in for only the last five minutes of the game, if you so desire, and earnestly recommend that at least the 6 foot circle at the foul line be open to men without the ball and three seconds with the ball.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I want to thank you for the privilege of being the chairman of your Research Committee and to thank those serving with me for their splendid cooperation.