

1 power and direction and control now contemplated and
2 provided in Section 5 as amended. Article 77 shall be
3 carried over as a part of the interim provision.

4 Second, if we do keep Section 5 as amended
5 and freeze it into the Constitution, it will prevent
6 the General Assembly from moving forward along the line
7 contemplated by certain of the provisions in the local
8 government article because what is meant by local here
9 may not be local when regional governments, if and when
10 they ever come into existence, do come into existence.

11 In order for the General Assembly to provide by law
12 subject to referendum as therein contemplated, it would
13 be hamstrung by this provision frozen into the Constitution
14 and a constitutional amendment would be required in
15 order to accomplish the purposes of creation of regional
16 government with the authority and power contemplated
17 by and when that time comes.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Any delegate desire to speak
19 in opposition to Amendment No. 5?

20 Delegate Kirkland.

21 DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Mr. Chairman, not long