

1 initiative petitions.

2 Most States allow the use of either of the
3 two methods. Thirteen states, however, permit
4 amendments by the initiative directly by the people.

5 Your Committee considered all these matters
6 and adopted the identical conditions contained in the
7 draft, and that would allow the amendment to the
8 Constitution by two methods -- one, through the Legislature
9 by a three-fifths vote of the membership or, two, through
10 a Constitutional Convention called by the Legislature.

11 We were satisfied that the initiation of the
12 proposed amendments through legislative action in
13 conjunction with the modern form of State Constitution
14 was a sufficient safeguard to the rights of the people,
15 particularly since they would have the opportunity to
16 vote on the adoption or rejection of the amendments
17 if and when proposed to them.

18 We have adopted the Commission draft, and
19 we have recommended this in our proposal GP-7.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions of
21 the Committee Chairman?