

1 Delegate Clark to present argument for this, and the only  
2 thing that I can think to do is ask the Chairman to stop  
3 the debate for three minutes at some proper time and let us  
4 listen to Delegate Clark by whatever device we have the  
5 possibility of reaching him at the hospital.

6 A very brief word of explanation of the amendment.  
7 As Delegate Boyer suggested, there are three normal ways  
8 of proposing constitutional amendments, two of them  
9 which are to be found in the Committee report, and the third  
10 one which is being here submitted.

11 This is a third method of proposing amendments  
12 to those in the Committee report -- three-fifths of both  
13 Houses or by constitutional convention when held.

14 This amendment adds a third one to propose  
15 an amendment by popular action, by a petition which shall  
16 require ten per cent of the voters at the last gubernatorial  
17 convention and demand a geographic spread so that not more  
18 than one-fourth of those signers may come from any one  
19 county, leaving it to the General Assembly to fix the  
20 details of petition and procedure.

21 This is the kind of constitutional initiative