

1 On page 4 in line 42 of section 7.10, Multi-
2 County Governments, strike out the word "may" and insert
3 in lieu thereof the word "shall."

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Is the amendment seconded?

5 (Whereupon, the amendment was seconded.)

6 THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is moved and
7 seconded. The Chair recognizes Delegate Cardin to speak
8 to the amendment.

9 DELEGATE CARDIN: Mr. Chairman and fellow
10 Delegates:

11 I hope I do not appear to have sunk into a rut
12 in this particular provision for referendum, but they are
13 very close to me, and I would like to explain to you
14 why I feel that the word "shall" should be inserted instead
15 of "may."

16 First, there are many questions that come to
17 mind as I look at the sentence beginning in line 42, "The
18 General Assembly may provide referenda for any law estab-
19 lishing a popularly elected, representative regional
20 government, or affecting its powers."

21 As I read it, this is subject to interpretation