

1 is one thing. If there is some intention to provide in the  
2 suffrage and elections article for some kind of referendum  
3 other than what is provided there now, then it should be  
4 provided.

5 The only thing I can see that the change in this  
6 one little word, maybe it is a big word, this "may" to  
7 "shall" would do, is this: It would mandate, it would  
8 require the General Assembly each time they establish  
9 or were about to establish some sort of popularly elected  
10 representative regional government, to provide for a referen-  
11 dum. That is to say, they would have to do it.

12 This is completely, absolutely contrary to what  
13 the committee intends.

14 If I may say so, the way it was put, the way  
15 this amendment was put I think it can lead to large amounts  
16 of confusion.

17 I think this is designed specifically to require  
18 the legislature to have the voters approve any type of  
19 regional government.

20 Let me talk to that point, because that is  
21 really what it does. Let's face it. This is what it does.