

1 think this amendment which is another example of the
2 distrust of the legislature would gather the votes that
3 it gathered.

4 But having gathered half of the members in the
5 House who were present, there is a real danger that it
6 will succeed, and I feel I am impelled to speak briefly
7 against it.

8 Delegate Bard in his questioning of Delegate
9 Grumbacher adverted to the caucus that precedes the
10 election of the members of the officers of the General
11 Assembly.

12 It is perfectly clear that the majority party
13 elects the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
14 House and that that matter is determined in the caucus
15 and there is nothing we can say in this Constitution
16 or should say which can affect the manner in which the
17 caucus of a political party is conducted.

18 If the Democrats or Republicans want to conduct
19 their caucuses in secret it is their privilege and if they
20 want to conduct them in public as is the custom, that is
21 their privilege also, but even the election of officers