

1 add another element of complexity to our tax laws which is
2 not either necessary or desirable. The third and most
3 important reason is, of course, that this is not a matter
4 for the Constitution. It would be tragic, in my judgment,
5 if the State were hemmed in or hamstrung by a definitional
6 rate for any tax. Much as I hate to say it, I think the
7 taxes will continue to increase as far as the State is
8 concerned, but to put a limit of nine per cent or three
9 per cent or six per cent or any other per cent in the
10 Constitution is just bad business and should be avoided.
11 For all of these reasons, therefore, the Committee
12 decided not to adopt Delegate Weidemeyer's suggestion,
13 good intentioned though it may be, and I would certainly
14 hope that the Committee of the Whole would follow the
15 advice of the Committee on this subject.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other Delegate desire to
17 speak in favor of the amendment?

18 (Cries of question)

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Ready for the question?

20 The question arises on the adoption of Amendment
21 No. 1. A vote aye is a vote in favor of the Amendment. A