

1 provision at all.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further questions?

3 Delegate Cardin.

4 DELEGATE CARDIN: Under your amendment, Delegate
5 Bothe, would that mean that those in penal institutions
6 at present would be permitted to vote?

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bothe.

8 DELEGATE BOTHE: Yes. However, a great many
9 people in penal institutions right now are eligible to
10 vote. I happen to live in the same district where the
11 penitentiary is located and I gave that question a little
12 thought when I was running for this office. (Laughter.)

13 As a practical matter, people in mental
14 hospitals and people in the prisons have not exercised,
15 those who have a franchise have not been exercising it.
16 I have wondered sometimes why no one sought to give them
17 the opportunity but I don't think it would change the
18 situation over what it is today in any measurable extent.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Cardin.

20 DELEGATE CARDIN: Forgive me but I can't
21 resist asking if they are a captive electorate?