

1 Delegate Weidemeyer.

2 DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, I would
3 like to ask Delegate Case, in order to make clear in this
4 amendment if it should be adopted, rather than by colloquy
5 here, or by reference to reports, if he would mind adding
6 after the word "offenses", for which trial by jury is not
7 required by law at the time of the adoption of this Con-
8 stitution?

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case.

10 DELEGATE CASE: I don't think, Delegate Weide-
11 meyer, that that really adds anything because petty of-
12 fenses, there could be a petty offense that would be
13 developed sometime in the future. The whole idea of
14 this, of course, is to free the courts of the laborious
15 handling of jury cases, let's say, parking ticket cases,
16 that kind of thing. It all desolves upon the Legislature
17 in this particular area, subject, of course, to the over-
18 riding decisions that the courts might make as to what is
19 or what is not a petty offense based upon the law of
20 England, so I think, in other words, I think it would be
21 a restrictive amendment and it would cover things that I