

1 no question but that the legislature has power to grant
2 this right or any other right.

3 Of course, you have the other side of the coin
4 and that is whether the General Assembly should have
5 the authority to take it away and if it were in the
6 Constitution, the General Assembly would lose that right
7 and I would argue that this is so important that the
8 discretion of allowing the General Assembly to restrict
9 the right to organize and bargain collectively should be
10 taken out by this Constitution.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Child.

12 DELEGATE CHILD: Now, you were a member of the
13 Constitutional Convention Commission, were you not?

14 DELEGATE BOTHE: I was.

15 DELEGATE CHILD: This provision which you now
16 ask to be included in the Bill of Rights was not included
17 in the draft, is that correct?

18 DELEGATE BOTHE: It was neither rejected nor
19 included in the draft. I did not serve on the committee
20 which dealt with the subject and I do not believe the Commis-
21 sion gave it very much consideration, one way or the other.