

1 happens when you start to encumber the Constitution with
2 statutory provisions.

3 The temptation is irresistible to add the
4 various exceptions, addendums and so forth, and I think
5 that is what is represented here by Amendment Number 22.
6 I think if we are going to raise the right to organize
7 and bargain collectively to Constitutional status it
8 should be given to all employees of this state whether
9 they work for state government or not.

10 There may be those that disagree with me, I
11 read nothing in Amendment 21 which would deny the legis-
12 lature of this state the right to put restrictions on the
13 right to strike on the part of government employees.

14 The horrible example of the teacher's strike
15 in New York with a minor version of it in Baltimore, cer-
16 tainly attested to the wisdom to leave in the legislature
17 the power to protect the state on the right to put re-
18 strictions on their employees in the few instances that
19 restrictions should be placed on them.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mitchell, do you desire
21 to speak?