

1           This will be Amendment 17, proposed by  
2 Delegate Henderson.

3           The amendment is to strike all of Section 11,  
4 comprising lines 41 to 49, inclusive, on page 3 of the  
5 Committee Recommendation R&P-2.

6           Is there a second?

7           DELEGATE CASE: Seconded.

8           THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been  
9 seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Henderson to  
10 speak to the amendment.

11           DELEGATE HENDERSON: Mr. Chairman, fellow dele-  
12 gates, I am not proposing any change in the existing law,  
13 which I think works very well, and although it is set  
14 up by statute and by rule of court. The practice is,  
15 as I understand it, that most serious crimes are taken  
16 before the grant jury, but that since many people are  
17 held in jail, they are given an option to stand trial and  
18 not wait for the action of the grand jury on an information  
19 filed by the State's Attorney, and I do not know what  
20 proportion of crimes in Maryland, even the most serious  
21 crimes, are tried under taht system, but I believe it is