

1 of that, the Welfare Department makes the payments, and
2 then this is considered against their particular amount of
3 money they owe to their familiy, and they have to pay the
4 Welfare Department back.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Scanlan.

6 DELEGATE SCANLAN: Their obligation to the Welfare
7 Department is a debt for which they couldn't be imprisoned
8 now, and certainly regarded as highly unlikely that the
9 General Assembly would ever pass legislation which would
10 imprison a man for failure to pay back to the Welfare Depart-
11 ment what he owes it.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Storm.

13 DELEGATE STORM: Mr. Chairman, I would certainly
14 hate to see the Constitutional protection against imprison-
15 ment for debt removed.

16 There are many many practitioners who love to
17 see debtors put in jail, and many debtors think
18 they are going to jail if they don't pay. The legislature
19 would be under terrific pressure to enact a bill allowing
20 imprisonment for debt. I think that we should not allow
21 such a Constitutional prohibition to be removed when we have