

1 in committee, was simply if we eliminate this provision,
2 can the legislature imprison for debt?

3 The answer was, as I recollect, and as Mrs. Bothe
4 recollects, that it could.

5 Now, if it has been held otherwise, I am glad to
6 go along with Mr. Scanlan.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: I don't want to make an off-the-
8 cuff comment on that. I would seriously doubt that the 13th
9 amendment -- I would suggest to you that the 13th amendment
10 would probably prevent the legislature from providing for
11 imprisonment for debt. It certainly would be involuntary
12 servitude for other than conviction of crime.

13 Delegate Kosakowski.

14 DELEGATE KOSAKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, I rise in
15 opposition to Delegate Scanlan's amendment. I believe this
16 section is too important, and I believe if the lawyers
17 can't agree in here and there is any doubt, let's not
18 eliminate this section. I believe it is just as important
19 to leave it in rather than to create any doubts in the mind
20 of anyone if a person can be imprisoned for debt.

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