

1 prohibit all executive meetings of any governmental body,
2 including county governments and including committees of
3 the legislature?

4 DELEGATE WILLONER: It would stand as it stands
5 now. Unfortunately, as I said, the case law and interpre-
6 tation of meetings is limited to those meetings which are
7 formal meetings. As is noted in the mandatory statute
8 where you are discussing personnel matters or where you are
9 discussing acquisition of land, those could be executive
10 sessions, but this would have to be protected by the
11 legislature.

12 DELEGATE JAMES: Could the Governor meet with
13 the staff in private?

14 DELEGATE WILLONER: The research in this area was
15 a little difficult. There is an apparent inherant right
16 in the executive, of the executive staff to meet in private.
17 I would have to say that the language "meeting" in this does
18 not go to meetings of the executive staff. The only law
19 I could find on it was law involving presidential meetings
20 which have been held to be -- the President has a right
21 to closed meetings, for example, Cabinet meetings and