

1 DELEGATE JAMES: A point of inquiry from the
2 Chair:

3 Suppose both Houses of the General Assembly
4 adopted a rule that would permit a committee or subcommittee
5 of the General Assembly to meet in executive session. Do
6 you think that would be valid?

7 DELEGATE WILLONER: Under this proposal we use --
8 and of course when this was drafted I don't believe we had
9 the local government section, but we used the language
10 "By public general law", and the concept of the committee
11 was clearly that before ^{any} ~~meeting~~ could be closed, it would
12 be up to the legislature to provide by legislative enactment
13 with veto or acceptance of the bill by the Governor.

14 DELEGATE BENNETT: Would a meeting of the
15 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, where the question
16 of a sewer or water line was to be laid, would that be open?

17 DELEGATE WILLONER: Yes, unless otherwise protected
18 by the legislature.

19 DELEGATE BENNETT: What you are saying in effect
20 is that you can drive a horse and wagon through this
21 proviso; that it has so many exceptions, and it amounts to