

1 what Delegate Scanlan calls a platitude.

2 DELEGATE JAMES: Delegate Sherbow.

3 DELEGATE SHERBOW. I will ask the Chair to rule
4 whether this is debate or questions for clarification.
5 We stay here until 8 or 10 or 11 o'clock at night too
6 much. Too much of the time is spent in debate when it is
7 supposed to be for clarification. That is why we are here
8 until 8 or 9 o'clock at night. (Applause)

9 DELEGATE JAMES: The gentleman is correct. This
10 is strictly a question period.

11 Delegate Dukes.

12 DELEGATE DUKES. Delegate Willoner, both Judge
13 Dorsey and I would like to know whether judicial conferences
14 would be a public meeting unless covered by statute.

15 DELEGATE WILLONER: No. That is why the word
16 "proceeding" is used, because that is a word that has
17 a judicial history of formal court proceeding. Regardless
18 of what the legislature did -- the legislature could open
19 up those proceedings, this provision would not. Although
20 I would like to know what goes on in judicial conferences.

21 DELEGATE JAMES: Delegate Hopkins.