

1 it up to the legislature to provide information such as
2 statistical records such as expenditures and salaries,
3 in other words, we would leave information of that kind
4 up to the legislature to decide whether the public
5 should know about it or not; is that right?

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kiefer.

7 DELEGATE KIEFER: Delegate Koger, you have hit
8 it right on the head, because as originally proposed by
9 this minority report, it would open everything, and the
10 legislature would have to close it. This amendment that
11 I have offered instead would do the opposite. The
12 legislature could decide what the public ought to see
13 if it is necessary.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further questions?

15 Delegate Chabot.

16 DELEGATE CHABOT: Delegate Kiefer, there had been
17 some discussion of an existing common-law right to certain
18 public records, and the language of your amendment would
19 seem to -- do I understand correctly that the language
20 of your amendment would permit those records to be
21 available to the public only to the extent and in the