

1 manner provided by the general assembly so if the general
2 assembly did nothing, then that common-law right would
3 disappear?

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kiefer.

5 DELEGATE KIEFER: No, it doesn't change
6 anything, except it simply announces the right of the
7 public to know, and it simply provides what records may be
8 available, other than might otherwise be available will
9 be as provided by the general assembly.

10 Now, they have already provided that all the
11 records generally speaking will be open in most areas.
12 They have also provided the number of areas in which they
13 shall not be open. This includes many areas. The original
14 amendment goes much further. It permits all judicial
15 records, and despite the rules of court, and so forth,
16 it requires an act of the general assembly to close
17 these off.

18 The general assembly is going to have to go
19 through and make sure they don't permit snooping instead of
20 just knowing.

21 This does not change any basic common-law