

1 speak on amendment 24?

2 DELEGATE GULLETT: In favor of it, very briefly.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Very well. The Chair will permit
4 you to proceed.

5 DELEGATE GULLETT: I think the time has come
6 when we should seriously reorient our thinking about the
7 conduct of public meetings and about allowing the record
8 to be made available for those who need to know.

9 All the records of the public meetings are open
10 here. It was very refreshing. I can think of no reason
11 why there should be a closed meeting except as to salary or
12 discharging an employee. There have been many instances
13 in the state of Maryland regarding this problem, and the
14 way the meetings are conducted in public. I think writing
15 this in the Constitution will serve as a clarion call to
16 those public officials who know that now is the time to
17 stop secrecy in public meetings.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

19 Delegate Johnson, for what purpose do you rise?

20 DELEGATE JOHNSON: A parliamentary inquiry.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: State your inquiry.