

1 DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. Chairman, fellow
2 Delegates, it always grieves me to take a position contrary
3 to my distinguished colleague from Baltimore County with
4 whom I have had the pleasure of service on the Constitutional
5 Convention Commission before which Commission he advanced
6 the idea now reflected in Amendment 2.

7 I always feel that the positions I should take
8 so I could agree with him were the positions I would take
9 many years ago in my political science courses in Columbia,
10 where I gave the answers that agree with the position taken
11 by Delegate Boyer today and my professors approved.

12 It is not always the conservatives who don't
13 always learn by the lesson of experience. I think sometimes
14 the liberals and idealists don't. The ideal of initiative
15 is a hangover from the great days of George L. Morris and
16 the liberalism of that day, but the experience of the years
17 has shown that the initiative can be subject to the gravest
18 abuse, and the most recent manifestation of that was in
19 California on the open housing referendum there.

20 Today only 13 states retain it, and even most of
21 them require that when enough signatures are gathered the